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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!

At Tuesday’s City Council Meeting, 97-year-old WWII Army veteran Billy Furgerson was honored and recognized as our 17th Rowlett Vet. A member of the “Greatest Generation,” Mr. Furgerson served in the European Theater, 85th Depot Repair Squadron, and 44th Air Depot Group. And oh, the stories he told! We have so few veterans of this era left - they truly are a national treasure.

Mr. Furgerson was also gifted a beautiful hand-stitched quilt from the Quilts of Valor organization (https://www.qovf.org/).

Mayor Dana-Bashian, along with the Veterans Resource and Outreach Center and in collaboration with Third Watch Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LE MC) – a brotherhood of police, firefighters and military, both current and honorably retired, who share the common goal of assisting and recognizing veterans - instituted the Rowlett Veterans Recognition Program to show appreciation to those members in our community who have dedicated their time in service to our nation. This program also helps bring awareness to veterans’ issues – what is being done in our community and what is still needed. We hope you will join us as we welcome Billy Furgerson into the ranks of our Rowlett Vets!

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.

Important City Meetings
City Council
Regular Meetings: Feb. 4 & 18; 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 – Feb. 18, 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
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 2020 Home Owners Association Legal Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:30am to 2pm at the Rowlett Community Centre. This clinic is designed to help seasoned and emerging HOA Board leadership increase their technical knowledge base and develop skills to create communities that thrive. Learn basic neighborhood leadership responsibilities, how to lead equitably, and how to build long-term trust with neighbors and professional property management. The cost is $10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

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

Young’s White Tiger Martial Arts, located at 8701 Liberty Grove Rd, is having an Open House tomorrow, January 25th from 10am to 1pm.

First Step Chiropractic is the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce’s Business of the Month. Join them for the celebration at First Step Chiropractic, 3538 Lakeview Pkwy, on Thursday, January 30th from 12 to 12:30pm.

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.

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.**

**LIBRARY**

Celebrate the Chinese New Year on Saturday, January 25th at 2pm. Learn about the Chinese Spring Festival with fun and colorful crafts.

Get ready for Groundhog Day on Saturday, February 1st. Make a groundhog puppet and create a newspaper front-page announcing Punxsutawney Phil’s prediction about Spring.

Libraries are more than places to read. They are hubs of community and connection. Librarians are your connectors to the world. Librarians help you bridge gaps of ignorance and empower you to solve problems. Visit your local library today.

In 2020, the Library will host Second Saturday Seminars for Adults at 3pm to educate and enrich the lives of everyday citizens. February 8th, Joan Hill from New York Life, will discuss retirement planning and the Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (also known as the SECURE Act). On March 14th, a representative with Hope Cottage will discuss foster parenting.

Rowlett’s **YOUNG ARTIST EXHIBIT** is back!! Is your youngster looking for a way to show off their talents? Look no further! Entries are due March 21st, but don’t delay in starting to work on your entry today!

**ALL ENTRIES** will be on display at the Rowlett Annex Building (4004 Main St.) from March 20th – April 24th. Visit the link above for more information.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Registration for the annual Little Sweetheart Dance is filling up. This is your last chance to purchase tickets to treat that special child to “A Night in Hollywood” at the Rowlett Community Centre on 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 any additional child is $15. Starts at 7pm.

We had a contestant win the social media contest and they will receive 1 set of Little Sweetheart tickets for two!
REMINDER: Call 972.412.6170 FOR:

Rowlett Youth Spring Baseball League:
For Ages 3-12
Registration open through February 23rd

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League:
Registration open through March 8th

Rowlett Youth Spring Volleyball:
For ages 7 – 12
Registration open through March 8th

Skyhawks Track and Field combine technical development and fundamental techniques with safety and a major focus on FUN! Classes are for ages 7 – 12 and start on Tuesday, February 4th at 5pm. Cost is $60

Skyhawks Soccer uses a progressive curriculum for your young athlete to gain the technical skills and sport knowledge required for that next step into soccer. Classes are for ages 3 – 10 and start on Saturday, February 1st. Cost is $60

Brand new in February is Supreme Performance’s Boot Camp! Two different classes on Saturday mornings: High Intensity at 9am and Low Intensity at 10:30am. Look forward to getting fitter, faster, stronger with every class. Drop in classes are $20 for February. Come to the Rowlett Community Centre and try it out on February 1st.

This week a group of Rowlett seniors made a trek over to Ft. Worth to watch the East Exchange Cattle Drive and then toured the Texas Motor Speedway and did a few laps around the track! Join the seniors next month when they take on the new Frisco Star, Headquarters to the Dallas Cowboys on February 19th. The trip will cost $30. The seniors will also head out to Grapevine on March 18th for a glass blowing demonstration and to visit the Sea Life Aquarium in Grapevine Mills Mall. Space is limited for all the trips so sign up today!

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.
At Tuesday night’s Council Meeting, the Police Department presented the promotion of Corporal Reid Smith to Sergeant.

JOB WELL DONE, SERGEANT SMITH - Congratulations!

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 poured eight street light fountains and four fire hydrant pads, re-installed mailboxes and laid sod on Cheyenne and Lynwood Drives. Walk-through is scheduled for Monday, January 27th at 9am.

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT
Recent weather and the City observed holiday (MLK Jr. Day) has slowed construction, however, the west bound lane concrete was completed. The contractor is planning to pour sidewalks on the south side of Main St. next week.

ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION – AMBER AVE/JENNIFER LN/ANDREA LN
Tri-Con is removing pavement heading west towards Rowlett Rd.; weather has slowed progress.

NORTH DALROCK CULVERT REPLACEMENT
Contractor started the backfill for the top of the culvert in preparation for the road to be poured; channel floor needs to be paved however; weather is slowing this part down.

PUBLIC WORKS CREWS
Wastewater crew replaced a sanitary sewer manhole ring and lid on Rowlett Rd. at Miller Rd. on Tuesday, January 14th; the northbound center lane was closed while crews worked late in the evening. Contractor poured the new pavement on Wednesday so the lane was re-opened to traffic.

Lif is too short…

The Action Center is your one-stop-shop, offered by the City of Rowlett to assist citizens. Call 972.412.6100

Our Purpose Is To Serve!

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