A Weekly Update from City Hall

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CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

BREAKING NEWS...Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian spoke at Thursday’s Public Utility Commission hearing in support of the petition by the cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson to request the Commission initiate a cost-of-service hearing regarding North Texas Municipal Water District water rates. We are happy to report that the request was successful, as the Commission concluded the rates are adverse to the public interest and has therefore ordered a cost of service review. This was the desired result of the hearing and we look forward to the next phase!

2020 US Census – The US Census Bureau has launched the 2020 Census – a national effort to count every person living in the United States.

Be sure to fill out your Census and encourage your family, neighbors and community to do the same. More questions? Visit 2020 Census

The 2020 Home Owners Association Legal Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:30am to 2pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.

The cost is $10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

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.

CITY SECRETARY’S OFFICE

Early Voting for the March 3rd Primary Election IS OVER! You may vote on Tuesday, March 3rd – Dallas County has adopted a new Countywide Polling Place Program – Cast your ballot at any Vote Center location.

Voters Ride Free on Election Day – A valid voter registration card is a free ticket to ride DART from 6am to 8pm on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3rd.

Important City Meetings

The 2020 Complete Count Committee – March 12, 6:30pm @ City Hall
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

Cruzito’s Mexican Cuisine located at 9802 Lakeview Parkway has opened.

The March 5th Rowlett Chamber Make A Connection networking event will be held at Bowl-a-Rama/Splits Sports Bar’s Back Nine Room, not Main Street Events where it’s normally held.

Beard Competition – Saturday, March 21st
4 – 7pm
@ Redemption, 3829 Main Street, Rowlett

Competition in: Styled Beard, Natural Beard, Longest Beard and Best Moustache

Prizes available

LIBRARY

Enjoy together time on Saturday, March 7th at 2 pm with a springtime craft.

Saturday, March 14th at 3pm, a representative from Hope Cottage will discuss how to be a foster parent.

Enter one of the many contests presented by the Arts and Humanities Commission! More information about the Young Artist Contest is below...check out the website for information about the Writing Contest or Rowlett Sings!

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.

Rowlett Sings is BACK!! We are looking for talented singers of all ages in Rowlett to show how awesome they are! Here’s the link for more information and the entry form.
REMINDER!! Please take the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey – Are you 45 or older and currently live in Rowlett? If so, please participate in this survey (link above) and help us assess how to make Rowlett even more liveable!

The survey will be available through March 13, 2020, hard copies are available at the Rowlett Community Centre, 5300 Main Street.

For more information, please call 972-412-6145. Your feedback is very important, and we would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential. This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Sign up today for our Spring Break Adventures in Art Camp, March 9th – 12th! Camp is $60 to register plus $60 for supplies, due to the instructor on the first day of camp. Operating Monday through Thursday 9-11:45am. Your child will make two pieces of art every day and explore different styles and techniques of art taught by a professional artist.

Our newest event, Lunch on the Lawn, is about to start! Join us every Monday, starting March 16th and ending April 20th, for food trucks, live music and games! The event will be held at the Village of Rowlett Downtown, 4000 Main St, from 11am – 2pm! For any questions, please contact 972-412-6170.

Start your mornings off right with the new HIIT Circuit class at the Rowlett Community Centre! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6AM - $10 to drop in or $40 for the entire month! NO CLASS ON 3/10 & 3/12!

REMINDER: Call 972.412.6170 FOR:

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

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

Men’s Spring Basketball League:
Registration open through March 29th

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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 Liveability

Promote Operational Excellence

Enhance Quality of Life

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Greg Baldwin graduated from the Leadership Command College – Class 86 of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The program, taught by a consortium of universities throughout Texas, provides law enforcement administrators and executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage police agencies and deliver a high level of service to their communities. Topics include leadership, professional ethics and integrity, communication, and personnel management issues. The Command College curriculum also strives to keep participants on top of contemporary issues in Criminal Justice.

Congratulations Sergeant Baldwin!

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 continues to work on the punch list items.

LAKE COUNTRY ESTATES RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 1

Contractor poured eastbound lane of Westview Dr. so all roadway pavement has been restored; concrete compression strength test is expected on Monday, March 2nd and after received the sidewalks and ramps on Westview Dr. will be poured. Weather permitting, project will be completed by Friday, March 6th.

SENIORS!! Join us for our trip to Grapevine on March 18th. This unique experience is sure to be a memorable one. In the morning we visit Vetro Glass Blowing and get a first-hand demonstration on the art of glass blowing. After our visit to Vetro, we make our way to Grapevine Mills Mall and eat lunch. After lunch we head to the Sea Life Aquarium located in Grapevine Mills Mall to see all the underwater life we can see. This trip cost $30.

#LetsRide together to cheer on the Frisco Rough Riders!

Join us for the Rowlett Parks and Rec Night, Tuesday May 12th at 7:05pm. Click the link to purchase your tickets. [http://groups.ridersbaseball.com/event/Rowlettparks20](http://groups.ridersbaseball.com/event/Rowlettparks20)

Last day to purchase is May 1st. For more details contact the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170.
**MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT**

The contractor wasn’t onsite earlier in the week due to soil saturation. Weather permitting, Silva Cell installation on the south side of Main St. and construction of the PGBT service road right turn lane should start on Monday, March 2nd.

**ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION – AMBER AVE/JENNIFER LN/ANDREA LN**

Tri-Con completed both alleys and the final walk through was completed Thursday, February 27th; work on the punch list will begin now in order to close out the project.

**CBDG ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION – SHIPMAN/GRAINT**

Contractor poured 300 feet of alley and is in the process of pouring another section.

**REMINDER…**

Temporary Change in Disinfection (also known as Annual Chlorine Maintenance) Information from the North Texas Municipal Water District: “Each spring for about one month, we suspend the typical use of ammonia to allow the remaining chlorine to keep the water disinfected as it travels through the system. This temporary change in disinfectant helps maintain the system and high water quality year round. It’s important to do this before summer because hotter temperatures can increase the potential for bacterial growth in pipes.” This will happen from March 2nd through March 30th.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

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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