A Weekly Update from City Hall

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Top Stories for Week Ending 03.06.20

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

The March Spotlight on Rowlett is now available to view! Hosted by Rowlett Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian and Rowlett City Manager Brian Funderburk, this month’s program covers information about the North Texas Municipal Water District temporarily changing the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 2nd through March 28th. But not to worry, your water remains safe to drink. Other topics include information about the 2020 Census and how it helps shape the future of our Rowlett Community. Every household in Rowlett will receive a mail out from the Census Bureau between March 12th and March 20th; this month’s Spirit of Rowlett Award winners; this month’s “Ask the Mayor” segment and much more!

In the Spotlight Story this month, Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian interviews resident Rob Rose about Rowlett becoming an AARP Age-Friendly Community – don’t miss this information segment!

The Mayor’s Spotlight for March is now available! This month, Mayor Dana-Bashian shares information about the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the recent ruling by the Public Utilities Commission to initiate a cost-of-service hearing, our concerns about future (and current!) rates and the take-or-pay rate structure, the recently proposed coalition of customer cities and so much more.

Congratulations to Mark and Betty Engen, this month’s Spirit of Rowlett Award winners! 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.

The Engens were nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Martha Brown, who wrote: “I cannot nominate one half of this couple without including the other because they serve in so many areas together! Mark & Betty Engen are retired educators who moved to Rowlett from the northeast to be closer to their grandchildren. As soon as this dynamic duo moved to our City, they hit the ground running to learn about, and give back to, our community.

Both are graduates of the Rowlett City Academy and both serve on the Keep Rowlett Beautiful Board of Directors; Mark as President and Betty as Education Chair. They volunteer hundreds of hours each year in

Important City Meetings

City Council –
Regular Meetings: March 17; 5:30 pm @ City Hall; *check agenda on website* Friday before mtg
Special Meetings: None
P&Z Commission – March 10 & 24, 6:30pm @ City Hall
Animal Shelter Board – TBD, 7pm @ City Hall
Arts & Humanities Commission – March 10, 6:30pm @ Library
Board of Adjustment – TBD, 7pm @ City Hall
Community Investment Advisory Board – April 8, 6pm @ City Hall
Diversity Commission – March 18, 6:30pm @ City Hall
Economic Development Advisory Board – March 17, 8:30am @ Dev. Services Bldg. **New Time & Place**
Golf Advisory Board – April 7, 8am @ Waterview Golf Course
Library Advisory Board – March 12, 6:30pm @ Library
Parks & Rec Advisory Board – March 11, 6:30pm @ RCC **New Start Time**
Senior Advisory Board – March 16, 10am @ City Hall
Youth Advisory Council – March 16, 6pm @ RCC
2020 Census Complete Count Committee – March 12, 6:30pm @ City Hall
those roles, bringing their experience, fresh vision and contagious energy to KRB. Under Mark’s leadership, a new Youth Advisory Board was formed, and Betty has been instrumental in connecting KRB with our public schools.

Mark also serves on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Betty is a member of the Friends of the Rowlett Library organization. Mark & Betty Engen’s passion for people and public service make them worthy recipients of the Spirit of Rowlett Award!”

We hope you enjoy this interview of Mark & Betty by Councilmember Whitney Laning.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information – Texas Health & Human Services has established a Coronavirus info page. Rowlett Health and Emergency Management officials are closely monitoring the situation and will participate in state/regional/local response efforts, should they become necessary. Novel Coronavirus Information...

2020 US Census – Census Day will be on April 1st! Come by the Library from 5-7pm to learn more about the 2020 Census and why it is so important to complete your survey. Representatives from the Census Bureau will be on hand to assist and answer any questions or concerns. In addition, the Library will have a computer available the entire month of April so that anyone can use it to enter their census information online (even if you don’t have a library card)! 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

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

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

Jersey Mike’s located on the corner of PGBT and SH66 opens on the 11th of this month!

Gmac Family Financial located at 4702 Rowlett Rd., had a Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on February 27th.
Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy Hosts:
First Annual Student Job Fair
March 24th, 4:30 – 7:00pm
2301 S. John King Blvd.
Rockwall, TX 75032

Target Population: Students graduating High School, Summer Hires, Jobs for Students While in School.
Interested? Email megan.shutt@rockwallisd.org

The Dallas Business Journal is hosting a panel on Family Business Planning. Join them as they discuss critical issues facing DFW family businesses and more with local experts on March 26th from 4:00 to 7:00 at The Crescent Club in Dallas.

LIBRARY

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

The Library will have activities for school age kids every day at 2 pm during Spring Break, March 9th through the 14th. No STEM Café this week.
Monday – Bored Games
Tuesday – Mad Tea Party
Wednesday – Ozobots
Thursday – Bricks and Books
Friday – Monster House Movie
Saturday – Pi Day Crafts and Snacks

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.
SURVEY DEADLINE EXTENDED! City of Rowlett is now a member of the AARP Age-Friendly Network to move towards making Rowlett an even more livable place for people of all ages! Your help is needed to make the planning successful. Below is a link to a survey that will provide City of Rowlett with information on the livability in your community. This survey is for citizens who live in Rowlett and who are age 45 or older. If needed, hard copies of the survey are available at the Rowlett Community Centre, 5300 Main Street. You can call 972-412-6145 if you have any questions. The survey will be available through March 31, 2020, hard copies are available at the Rowlett Community Centre, 5300 Main Street.

https://aarp.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2se6AqY3FnsI3zv

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.

Don’t take a break this spring! Join in on the High Performance or Low Performance Bootcamp! For just $80 for the whole month join Supreme Performance on Saturdays as they help you keep and maintain your fitness goals! High Intensity at 9-10:00am and Low Intensity is from 10:30-11:30am.

REMINDER: Call 972.412.6170 FOR:

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

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League: Registration ENDS March 8th

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

Join us for our next Senior Advisory Board Seminar on March 10th from 1 – 2pm when Rob Rose talks about Streaming services! We’ll see you at the RCC for this informative session.

Last Saturday ended the Winter 2019 Youth Basketball League. Congratulations to all those who participated! All members of the teams received awards for their hard work. Here are some of our division champions! Our next basketball season will begin in Summer. Be on the lookout for registration opening soon.

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.

Adults aren’t the only ones who could use some fitness coaching. Skills & Agility Training is available for youth ages 13 and older. Whether you want to be an all-star athlete or just want to be a little faster, Supreme Performance will coach you or your young athlete the right way! Call the RCC to sign up and schedule a time with Supreme Performance!
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, Chief Michael Godfrey presented the promotion of three outstanding employees! (From left to right) Dan Miller was promoted to Assistant Chief; Timothy Coykendall was promoted to Sergeant and Anthony Castiglione was promoted to Lieutenant.

Congratulations Gentlemen!

Our VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services) held a Fun Team Building Event this week at an Escape Room. The VIPS split up into two teams and both successfully escaped their rooms! This was a great opportunity for them to get to know each other better and for their new volunteers to meet everyone. It was through teamwork and cooperation, that they were able to escape. Other fun activities will be planned for later in the year. What a great group of volunteers!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

LAKE COUNTRY ESTATES RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 1
Sidewalk and ADA ramps have been prepared for concrete pour as soon as the weather permits; the inlet contractor will be onsite in the next few days to set forms and prepare for a concrete pour, as soon as the weather permits.

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT
The contractor been onsite this week constructing the swale to final grade with erosion control placement next week.

CBDG ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION – SHIPMAN/GRANT
Contractor completed approximately 60% of the alley and continues progress on the next section and should pour concrete within the next week.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS
Public Works contracted with Tri-Con to make emergency repair to the 36" sewer force main along Lakeview Pkwy. Last week Public Works responded to a sink hole in front of McDonalds and found the force main had collapsed and needed to be repaired immediately. Seventy feet of 36" pvc pipe was installed to make the repair.

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I want to grow my own food…but I can’t find bacon seeds
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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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