

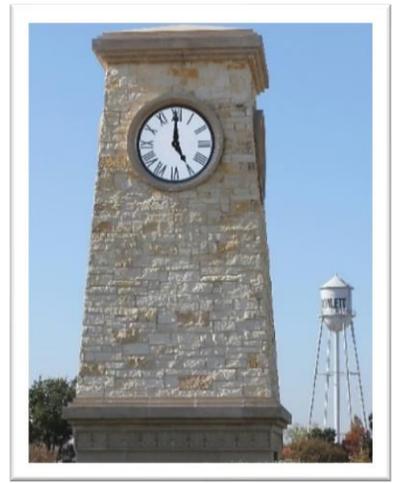
A Weekly Update from City Hall

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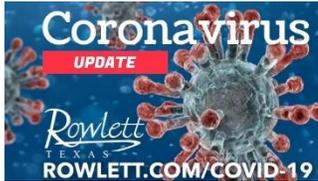
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COVID-19 UPDATE



COVID-19 Testing Information

Drive-thru Rapid Test Sites

- Walgreens – [2060 South Buckner Blvd](#) (Dallas) Open 9am to 5pm.
- Walgreens – [8600 Camp Bowie West Blvd](#) (Fort Worth) Open 9am to 5pm.

Each site will be able to perform 160 tests daily and after completing an [online health assessment](#), testing is available by appointment only, administered by pharmacists and at no cost to individuals who meet [eligibility criteria](#) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Patients will be informed of their results within 24 hours of testing. [More information on Public Testing Sites](#)

- ❖ Walmart Warehouse Parking Lot – [1025 W. Trinity Mills Road](#) (Carrollton Walmart Distribution Center) **NEW HOURS** – Open Tuesday-Saturday, 7am to 11am (starting May 12). Performing 250 tests per day, weather permitting. Check eligibility and schedule an appointment through eTrueNorth at [www.DOINEEDaCOVID19test.com](#)
- ❖ Walmart Parking Lot – [9410 Webb Chapel Rd](#) (Dallas) Open Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 7am to 9am, weather permitting. Check eligibility and schedule an appointment through eTrueNorth at [www.DOINEEDaCOVID19test.com](#)
 - ✚ Testing is available [by appointment only](#) and at no cost to individuals who meet [eligibility criteria](#) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high-risk groups without symptoms.

At-home Testing

Pixel by LabCorp is now offering at-home nasal swab test kits. This is the **ONLY** at-home COVID-19 test with an EUA from the FDA.

- To order, go [here](#) and complete a short eligibility survey. If eligible, order and receive the kit via FedEx, collect and ship the sample, online results will be available approximately two days after LabCorp receives your test. [Patient Fact Sheet](#) available.

Public Drive-thru Testing Sites

[Texas Department of State Health Services Test Site Locator](#)

Self-swab tests have been implemented at the Ellis Davis Field House, [9191 S. Polk St.](#), and American Airlines Center, [2617 Victory Ave.](#) Parking Lot E, public testing sites. These tests are less invasive, safer, and help preserve PPE supplies. Testing criteria includes:

- Persons 65 years or older can now be tested without the symptom requirement.
- Persons with chronic health issues (diabetes, asthma, heart disease, etc.) can now be tested without the symptom requirement.

Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency – 9th Amended Order

Important City Meetings

City Council –

Regular Meetings: May 5 & 19; 5:30 pm *check agenda on [website](#)*
Friday before mtg. Virtual Meeting:
May 5th Meeting – Call: 877.853.5247 (toll free) & use ID: 850 4389 9812

Special Council Meetings

Annual Strategy Planning Session –
May 16, 8:00am-5:00pm
Special Meetings Will be Scheduled as Needed Going Forward
[Check agendas](#)

RCOAD – Wednesday nights @ 5:30pm via GO TO MEETINGS. Contact [Elise Bowers](#) for more information.

Board of Adjustment – Will meet as needed, via ZOOM

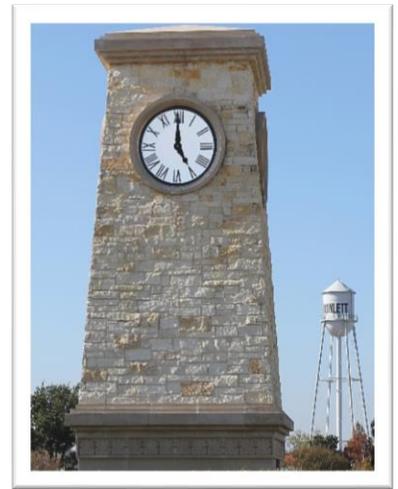
****NO IN-PERSON MEETINGS****

All meetings will be held virtually – until further notice.

We ask that you watch our meetings on Rowlett's Cable Channel [RTN16](#) or streaming online through our [website](#).



- First responders, DART drivers, healthcare workers, grocery store and essential retail store workers, regardless of symptoms.
- All others must exhibit at least one of the [CDC guidance on the Symptoms of Coronavirus](#).
- A photo ID (but not necessarily a government-issued ID) and health insurance card (if a person has insurance; insurance coverage is not a testing requirement) are required.
- Both sites are operating Monday-Saturday, 8am to 5pm, Sunday 8am-Noon unless otherwise determined by testing capacity, which is 500 per day, or weather conditions.



If you have been tested at either of the public drive-thru test sites in Dallas, you will receive a phone call from the RESULTS CENTER in 3-7 days. Visit the following sites to download a copy of your results:

American Airlines Center – [Quest Diagnostics](#).

Ellis David Field House – [Labcorp](#).

Individuals that have not received their results after 7 days may request assistance via [email](#) with the following info: Name, Location of Test, Date/Time of Test, Phone Number.

- ❖ Counterfeit COVID-19 and antibody testing kits are now becoming increasingly available online and throughout the DFW area. **Please be aware that legitimate tests are not available over the counter at any retail locations.** All COVID-19 tests are operating under FDA Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA), so be wary of claims that a test is FDA-approved or -cleared. Additionally, a provider with an EUA for the PCR test (the test to confirm COVID-19) may not have an EUA for a serology test (for antibodies).

Questions about Testing? Here is the [Texas Health and Human Services Testing Capacity Overview](#)

It's important to understand that a negative result on a standard COVID-19 test is not a waiver for symptomatic persons to cease self-quarantine and/or social distancing measures. Additionally, it does not mean that a person who receives a negative result on one test won't receive a positive result from the exact same type of test performed five minutes later. Similarly, a positive result on an IgM and/or IgG antibody test does not mean that a person is completely immune or, in the case of a positive IgG result, recovered.

The following confirmed COVID-19 case counts reflect numbers as of 9pm Thursday, May 7th:

National – 1,256,944 cases (195,036 recovered), 75,661 deaths
 Texas – 35,390 (18,440 recovered), 973 deaths
 North Texas – 10,804 cases (4,345 recovered), 298 deaths
 Dallas County – 5,120 cases (recovered n/a), 125 deaths
 City of Garland – 442 cases (240 recovered), 13 deaths
 Rockwall County – 106 cases (recovered 56), 4 deaths
 City of Rowlett – 57 cases (26 recovered), 2 deaths

Rowlett cases include 33 women and 24 men (no gender data available for one Rowlett case). They range in age from late teens to 80's. 19 are under 40, 25 are between 40 to 59, and 13 are 60 +.

In the Community

[ACTION CENTER](#) – Weekdays 8 -5 @ 972.412.6100 OR Online 24-7 (City Hall Building Closed; By Appointment Only)

[STREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS](#) – May 5, April 28, 21, 13, 7, 1, March 30, 23, 20

[Reopen Texas Video by Mayor & Chamber President](#) – April 28, 2020

[Coronavirus Information](#) – Texas Health & Human Services Site

[COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) – See our website for detailed information on all testing sites

[Reopen Rowlett Responsibly](#) – information on City's website

[RFD Telemedic Program Information](#)

[RFD How to Wear Mask/Gloves](#)

[Notify Me](#) – Subscribe TODAY!

[Connect Rowlett](#) – Sign up today!

[Tenant Hotline](#)

[Homeowner's Assistance](#) – Information to Keep your Home

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

The May [Special Edition-Spotlight on Rowlett](#) featuring Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian and City Manager Brian Funderburk is ready for viewing. This month they discuss all of the current COVID-19 updates and information to date.





May Virtual Spirit of Rowlett – In this time of physical distancing, the Spirit of Rowlett Award may continue to look a little differently, but the intent is still the same! In a series of short videos, the Rowlett City Council will share their gratitude and appreciation for the people who make Rowlett a great place to live. Mayor Pro Tem Martha Brown recognizes [Tony Rorie](#) and [Eva Hummel](#) for their contributions to the Rowlett community. Thank you both and congratulations!

The [Spirit of Rowlett Award](#) publicly recognizes ordinary residents doing extra-ordinary things in our community, and the recipients are normally nominated by YOU – the citizens of Rowlett. Do you know a local hero? [Nominate](#) them today! This is a great way to say “Thank you” to those who have encouraged, supported and acted in a way that has impacted you in your everyday life. We look forward to hearing from you and to providing this recognition for good deeds, done well!



[Drive-by Birthday Parade](#) – Happy 11th birthday to Dra from the Rowlett Police Department and the City of Rowlett!



CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE



Attention Rowlett teens - are you looking for ways to give back to the community? If so, we have a spot for you: the Rowlett Youth Advisory Council (RYAC) is now accepting applications!

Comprised of 12 regular members who are sophomores, juniors or seniors

appointed by the City Council in May, RYAC members will serve one-year terms from August to June of the following academic year.

Duties and responsibilities of the RYAC include: acting in an advisory capacity to provide observations and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the needs and wants of Rowlett's youth; educating the youth participants in the local political process; members will serve as messengers for the City of Rowlett and assist City Council in outreach to the youth in Rowlett; and will assist the City by volunteering for local City events.

Submission should be via email to CitySec@rowlett.com or by mail to CSO/Boards & Commissions Applications, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088. Interviews may be conducted virtually – details to follow. Deadline for applications is May 17.

we are the
**ROWLETT YOUTH
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

01 MISSION
As a council, we strive to provide observations and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the needs and wants of Rowlett's youth. Councilmembers serve as messengers to assist the City Council in outreach to the youth

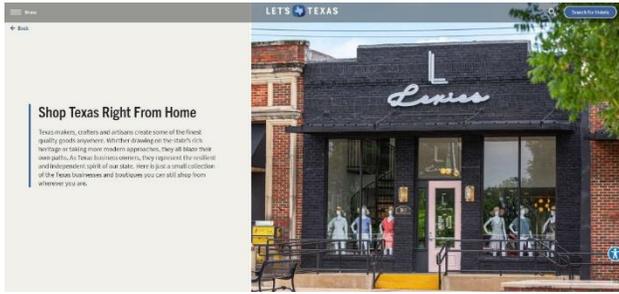
02 MEETINGS
The Youth Council meets the third monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main St, Rowlett, TX 75088

03 MEMBERSHIP
The Youth Council is comprised of seven regular and three alternate members, all in high school, serving one year terms. To become a member, applications are online at the City of Rowlett's website or in the City Secretary's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Quarter 2 *By the Numbers* Report is available at <https://rowlettonthemove.com/quarterly-reports.php>.





Lexie's Boutique (3811 Main St) is featured on the [Travel Texas](#) website. Travel Texas is the state tourism website for the Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism.

It's time to start thinking about if your Village of Rowlett Downtown business should apply for a Texas Downtown Association President's Award. We may be in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, but we can still celebrate the amazing projects, places, and people that make Texas downtown's such special places. Click the link for more information and if interested in applying, email woodward@rowlett.com or <https://www.texasdowntown.org/presidents-awards.html>



LIBRARY

Books and movies TO GO from your Rowlett Public Library! The Library BUILDING may be closed to the public right now, but your Library staff continues to find innovative ways to bring their programming and services to YOU! And now, you can actually check out books, movies and music again!

Patrons may check out 10 physical items by request at <https://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/forms.aspx?FID=210>. We'll give you a call when your items are collected and bagged. Let us know when you arrive at the Library (or call before you leave) and staff will bring your goodies out to you.



Curbside Pickup times are Monday – Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Return items may be placed in the overnight drop to the side of the entrance. Fine print: If your family has multiple library cards, please submit a separate request for each card. Blocks on materials for fines and fees have been temporarily waived while the facility is closed. When you arrive for pickup, staff will confirm your account information over the phone, get a description of your vehicle, then bring your items outside and place them on a cart for you to pick up. Materials will be checked out for six weeks. Questions? Contact the Library at 972-412-6161, circulation@rowlett.com, or text 972-200- 3860.

PARKS DEPARTMENT



Meet Kendal Bales! Kendall does a lot for our youth community! To learn more about him, head on over to our Facebook/Instagram pages!



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.



Phillip Roberson and Nicholas Reddy were sworn in on April 16th by Chief Godfrey as Rowlett Police Officers. Phillip was born and raised in Dallas and served in the U.S. Army for 3.5 years. He is transferring over from the Rowlett Marshal's Office. Nicholas grew up in Wylie and self-sponsored himself at the Hunt County Sheriff's Police Academy where he just recently graduated. Welcome Officers Roberson and Reddy!



Please welcome our newest detention officer, Katelyn Garcia. Katelyn is a Garland native, but she grew up in Rowlett as well. She is a graduate of Rowlett High School and was employed by the Garland Independent School District before joining us.

Welcome Katelyn!

The Rowlett Police Department recently partnered with Trusted World; an organization who helps agencies provide assistance to those who are victims of crime. Trusted World is able to provide a variety of items including clothing and food to families in need. Trustedworld.org

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT

The right turn lane at PGBT and Main Street was poured Tuesday. The contractor will start construction of the sidewalk once the concrete cures for seven days and meets the compressive strength.



MILLER RD. 20" FORCE MAIN & 24" GRAVITY SEWER PROJECT

The contractor placed 320 linear feet of the 24" gravity sewer main and two manholes have been set. The contractor is preparing to pour concrete in front of Fire Station 1 next week, weather permitting.



ANNUAL CONCRETE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF STREETS & ALLEYS

The contractor poured the first half of Industrial St. at the north end of the DART station and started the other half of the street Thursday. Additionally, the contractor poured concrete panel replacements on Princeton Rd. this past week.



IMPORTANT WEBSITES, EMAIL ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION:

Facts regarding COVID-19 and how to prevent it, what to do in the event you or a family member become ill, and many other resources including the latest news concerning our community. www.rowlett.com/covid-19

Business Protocol Information – this information is intended to assist our business community

Essential Household Activities questions – Email cac@rowlett.com or call 972-412-6100

Essential Business Activities questions – Email jtucker@rowlett.com

Essential Businesses and Specific Uses – [List of Businesses](#)

Testing questions? [City of Rowlett Testing Information](#) & [Texas Health and Human Services Testing Capacity Overview](#)



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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

Our Purpose Is To Serve! ~ The Friday @ 5 is published by the [City Manager's Office](#)

Questions about your **pet and their health**? Here is the [Texas Animal Health Commission's FAQ](#)
[City of Rowlett Amended Disaster Declaration and Orders](#) – April 28, 2020

Rowlett Ready Information – www.RowlettReady.com or email needs@rowlettready.com if you need local assistance from volunteers.

ROwlett **BU**siness **ST**imulus Grant Program Information – www.RowlettReady.com/ROBUST

Aid Organizations – [Life Message](#), [The North Texas Food Bank](#), [The Veterans Resource and Outreach Center](#), [Hope in Hand Food Pantry](#), [North Texas Behavioral Health Authority](#)

Rowlett Restaurants/Food Establishments – [Open for business](#)

Reopen Texas Video by Mayor and Chamber President – April 28, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE VIDEO by Mayor & EMC – March 26, 2020

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Meeting – March 16, 2020

Garland Independent School District (GISD) – meal distribution will be on Monday – Wednesday – Friday. Details Here: <https://www.garlandisd.net/node/11272>; [Map of locations](#)

Rockwall ISD will continue to provide Grab"N"Go meals at [Dobbs](#), [Rochell](#) and [Jones](#) Elementary Schools.

DART Adds Grocery Pickup & Delivery to Its Paratransit Service Customers

DART Service Modifications – www.dart.org/mod or call DART Customer Service at (214) 979-1111

Dallas County Hotline – Email: tenanthotline@dallascounty.org

Call: 214-653-6563 or 833-743-0072 Website: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/tenant-hotline.php>

HOMEOWNER'S ASSISTANCE – Information to keep your home.

Governor's Orders – [Executive Order](#)

[Texans Helping Texans – The Governor's Report to Open Texas Executive Order](#)

[Hospital Capacity Executive Order](#)

[Travel Executive Order](#)

[Guidance for Houses of Worship](#)

[Previous Orders](#)

Don't Be A Victim To These Scams, Check Scams, Latest Scam Alert - Fake Tests

Visit www.theseniorsource.org and www.ftc.gov/coronavirus for more information. Do NOT click on links from sources you do not know and only call known phone numbers.

REMINDERS:

FCC BULK PICKUP – Consider allowing your lawn to mulch its own clippings; Keep additional items beside the cart to a minimum.

UPDATE ON FCC GARBAGE COLLECTION – ALL trash items must be bagged now. DO NOT bag recyclables.

LIMITED ACCESS TO MOST CITY BUILDINGS – Public Safety remains our top priority and the Police and Fire Department facilities will remain open to the public. As always, call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing an emergency.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT – Will continue to operate as usual.

FILL OUT YOUR 2020 CENSUS – my2020census.gov or by phone at 1-844-330-2020.

