



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Rockwall Graduates Junior Firefighters

The Rockwall Fire Department's inaugural Junior Fire Academy is officially a success with students. The FD planned an educational and fun-filled week for the boys and girls ages 8-12. The students geared up like their grown-up counterparts and went to work to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter.

The Junior Fire Academy introduced more than 20 campers to extrication techniques, as well as fire prevention, suppression and investigations. Among the week's highlights, the students met the department's K-9 fire investigations team and got to tour a CareFlite helicopter. Overall, the camp was designed to instill in the young people camaraderie, servant leadership, self-confidence and teamwork.



Guitar Project Generates Excitement

Rockwall's guitars have been unveiled! It seems only fitting that the long-awaited reveal took place at the summer's final Concert by the Lake at The Harbor. The guitar project is a bold representation of the City of Rockwall's place as the *Free Live Music Capital of North Texas*.

Funded by proceeds from the 2012 bond election, the public art project has been carefully overseen by the Rockwall Art Commission. Five local artists have spent months creating just the right art to represent Rockwall in all its beauty. The creators were on hand at the unveiling to showcase their guitars, while a crowd of thousands cheered.

Look for the unique 5-foot guitars very soon at The Harbor, City Hall, San Jacinto Plaza, Cain's Corner Park and Harry Myers Park. To learn more about the artists and their inspiration, please visit Rockwall.com/publicart.

Happening Around Town

Thursdays-Saturdays, May 2-October 26

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturdays, May 4-September 28

Rockwall Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Friday, August 30

Family Fun Friday, Angels in the Outfield, Yellowjacket Park, 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Mother Son Date Knight, SpringHill Suites (2601 Lakefront Trail), 6-9 p.m. (Pre-registration required)

Friday, September 27

Family Fun Friday, The Park at Emerald Bay, Hotel Transylvania, 6 p.m.

*For more information:
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com*

Out and About in Rockwall



Patriotic Parade

The Fourth of July celebration kicked off in Rockwall in a big way. Despite the heat, the annual Fourth of July parade wound through Historic Downtown Rockwall with a steady stream of patriotic entries to entertain the crowds of onlookers.



Perfect Parachute Jump

A new feature to the Fourth of July events this year was a parachute jump into Harry Myers Park. In order to help commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the Terry Fisher American Legion Post of Rockwall hosted a jump from a vintage WWII Navy R4D-6S airplane just before the fireworks. The weather was perfect for the historic display.



Finishing with Fireworks

The celebration was complete on the Fourth of July with live music and a stellar fireworks display, all in the beautiful backdrop of Rockwall's unique outdoor setting at Harry Myers Park. Thousands were on hand that evening to see some of the best fireworks for miles around.



New Hazardous Waste System a Success

Did you know? The City of Rockwall's new system for hazardous waste disposal has been in place for a couple of months now, and the feedback from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

Since June, the City has partnered with HHW Solutions—which collects the hazardous materials directly from residents' homes! Here's how it works:

- Visit hhwsolutions.com or call 972-440-2040 to schedule
- Pickups happen every Wednesday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Cutoff is Monday for each Wednesday
- Place items in original containers with spill-proof lids and readable labels on your front porch on appointment day

Be sure to check out Rockwall.com for more information.



20th Year of Concert by the Lake is a Wrap

Two decades ago Rockwall was taking shape as a destination city to draw people from miles around. One of the things that has helped transform the sleepy bedroom community and put Rockwall on the map is the Concerts by the Lake (CBTL) Series.

In the 20 years since its creation, CBTL has grown to thousands of repeat concert goers who enjoy the events at The Harbor every week during the summer. In many ways, the concerts have become a fixture for the City. They've helped Rockwall retain that small town feel and helped earn the title of *Free Live Music Capital of North Texas*. Although the concerts have closed for this year, look for more entertainment on the horizon next summer.

Love Your Landscape... Prepare Your Lawn for Fall

Believe it or not, fall is around the corner. September is the time of year you need to be ready to apply your pre-emergents for winter weed prevention. This way you do not have to fight weeds in your dormant Bermuda grass all winter.

Apply your pre-emergents no later than September 15, and water thoroughly. Always read the label and follow the label exactly.

This will also be the month you apply your final application of fertilizer for landscape and grass. This is the most important application to help your landscape prepare for winter. A balanced fertilizer such as 20-5-10 or a ratio close to this are best for this final application.