



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

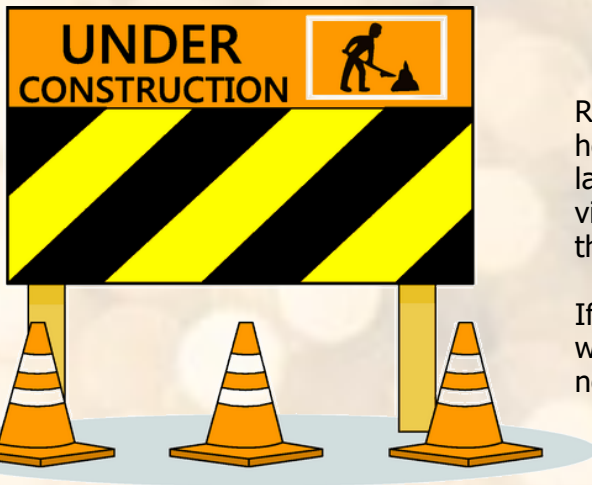
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Looking Forward to the SNAP Prom

Prom season is starting early in the City of Rockwall. The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department offers a way for residents of all abilities to shine on the dance floor. The annual tradition that has families lacing up their dancing shoes is the SNAP Prom. The fifth annual Special Needs and Adaptive Programming (or SNAP) Prom is coming up on Saturday, February 13.

The event is lots of fun for everyone. The dance floor stays busy all evening, and lasting memories with friends and family are made. With the help of several sponsors, the City has been able to continue to offer the program free of charge. The event takes place at The Center, located at 108 East Washington Street, from 6-9 p.m. For more information, please visit playrockwall.com.



CIP Projects: Staying Up to Date

Rockwall residents know there is a lot of progress happening here—in various stages of completion. To keep up to date on the latest information about City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), visit Rockwall.com/CIP.asp or find the link on the front page of the City's website at Rockwall.com.

If you would like to receive email updates on a particular project when new information is available, please sign up for email notifications on the CIP webpage under the project of interest.

Change in Garbage Rates for the New Year

The Rockwall City Council has voted to extend the solid waste contract with longtime partner, Republic Services. Under the new agreement, Rockwall residents will continue to enjoy unlimited bulk trash pickup, twice per week garbage services, and weekly recycling, as has been the standard in the City for many years. The contract includes a rate increase of \$2.79 per month, including applicable sales tax.

In addition, commercial rates will see an increase of 3%. Water and sewer rates will not be affected by this current increase. The new garbage rates apply to service starting in January and will appear on February bills.



Out and About in Rockwall



Sharing and Caring

Employees with the City of Rockwall got in the holiday spirit by lending a helping hand. They signed 650 Christmas cards for troops deployed during the holidays. In addition, they donated, delivered and sorted gifts for the Rockwall County Helping Hands Annual Toy Drive. Every year, the Toy Drive helps make the Christmas season a little brighter, by providing toys for more than 1,000 local children and their families.



Rockwall Recycles—Making it Simple

The City of Rockwall's garbage and recycling partner, Republic Services, is reaching out to educate the community about smarter ways to reduce waste. The company has a state of the art processing center in Plano where items are gathered and sent off to their various locations around the region to be recycled.

Interest in recycling has grown in recent years, and Republic Services has created a website to help consumers stay on top of the latest recycling information: recycling.simplified.com.

Turn off Your Outside Water for Winter

Our water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District, reminds us that irrigation systems should be turned off in the winter months and used only if needed. As your lawn naturally goes into dormancy with the cooler temperatures, the need for watering dramatically decreases. Here are some tips to remember about conserving water in the winter:

- Mulch acts as an insulator against cold temperatures and holds precipitation in the soil.
- Turn irrigation controllers **OFF**. Natural rainfall typically provides enough moisture during this time.
- Turning off sprinkler systems helps prevent water run-off that can freeze on streets and sidewalks.



Happy New Year

Christmas Events Ring in the Spirit of the Season

Crowds turned out once again to help ring in the holidays in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The day started early with the 51st Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade. Onlookers donned masks, kept their distance and enjoyed the traditional event.

Although the Hometown Christmas Celebration was modified from years past, a great turnout and plenty of festivities on the Square made for a jolly day. Shoppers found unique gifts for loved ones at the outdoor market and spirits soared on a beautiful day.

The events ended late in the evening with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall, complete with cookies, hot chocolate and loads of family fun to start the season right.

