



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Gloria Williams Park Grand Re-Opening

Over the past 12 months, Gloria Williams Park has undergone significant renovations, including:

- Basketball Court: Repaired and resurfaced with new backboards and rims.
- ADA-Compliant Trails: New trails connecting the basketball court to the pool and the new playground.
- Park Amenities: Refurbished pergola and picnic areas within the pool area, a refurbished pump room and lifeguard area, and a new self-leveling compound joint on the pool deck.
- Playground: A brand-new playground with safety surfacing.
- Additional Features: Two new picnic tables, a new park sign, and drought-tolerant grass.



These upgrades, which cost approximately \$130,000, excluding pipes and street department infrastructure, were necessary not only due to a previous motor vehicle accident, but also because the previous pool was over 60 years old, and the basketball court and playground were over 25 years old. The entire park redesign was handled by the Rockwall Parks and Recreation staff. Many of Mrs. Williams' family members were able to join in celebration of her past contributions to the City.

INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's next major projects in Rockwall include the construction of a new half of the Horizon Rd bridge, followed by the removal and replacement of the existing side. Once completed, this will expand the bridge to feature three lanes in each direction, two U-turn lanes, and sidewalks on both sides, significantly improving traffic flow and pedestrian access. The Horizon Road interchange is scheduled to complete in late 2026. Additionally, updates to the Ridge Road bridge are planned, which may necessitate nighttime closures. Residents should also anticipate various lane closures on the I-30 frontage roads as TxDOT prepares these areas for expansion and drainage improvements.

As progress continues, check drivetexas.org for daily lane closures. The work is part of TxDOT's "Texas Clear Lanes" effort to relieve congestion in major metropolitan areas.

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ROCKWALL RIB RUB RUN AND ROLL 2024

10AM-5PM • HARRY MYERS PARK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

OTHER DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

- ★ 1 MILE/5K/10K • 8AM-11AM
- ★ FOOD COURT • 10AM-5PM
- ★ CAR SHOW • 9AM-2PM (DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL)
- ★ PEDAL CAR RACE • 10AM-1PM (DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL)

BBQ COMPETITION

- ★ \$80 ENTRY FEE THAT INCLUDES SPARE RIBS, 1/2 CHICKEN AND BRISKET COMPETITIONS (ADDITIONAL \$20 ENTRY FEE FOR THE JACK POT BEANS COMPETITION)
- ★ COMPETITION SANCTIONED BY

FREE LIVE MUSIC

THE HERRINS FLORES 10AM TO 11:30 AM 12:30 PM TO 2PM

JARED STERRETT AND THE HIRED GUNS 3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM



Last Days of Rockwall Farmers Market



Don't miss your chance to experience the Rockwall Farmers Market—one of the "Best Farmers Markets" in the Dallas area! With only a few weekends left (September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th), now is the time to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and shop from over 30 local vendors offering everything from fresh produce, grass-fed meats, artisan breads, and specialty foods. Established in 2008, the market has become a beloved Saturday morning tradition, featuring live music and a pet-friendly, leash-only environment. Join us from 8 AM to 12 PM on the Historic Downtown Square before the season ends!



Barry and the Souflakes
October 10th

Texas Flood
October 17th

Rockwall
Philharmonic Orchestra
October 24th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
ROCKWALL HARBOR



APPLY
NOW



The Rockwall baseball and softball season has officially started! We are excited to see this year's athletes, ranging from 4U T-ball to 13U fast-pitch, hit the fields. Residents can visit our website to check the game schedules and stay informed about any rainouts. Did you know you can reserve fields too? Check out all the details:

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/rockwalltx>

We look forward to a great season ahead!



As fall approaches, it's time to prioritize gutter care and lawn/landscape maintenance to keep homes in top condition. Start by thoroughly cleaning your gutters to remove leaves, twigs, and other debris that can cause blockages and lead to water damage. Inspect gutters and downspouts for any signs of damage, such as cracks or leaks, and make necessary repairs to ensure efficient drainage.

For your lawn, early fall is the ideal time to fertilize with a balanced fertilizer such as a 20-5-10, promoting strong root growth to help your grass withstand the winter months and thrive in the spring. Fall is also the time to apply pre-emergent to prevent winter weeds such as annual Bluegrass, Henbit, and Dandelions, and it is important to make this application during the first couple of weeks of October before they germinate as soil temperatures drop.

For your landscapes and gardens, fall provides an excellent opportunity to plant cool-season vegetables like broccoli and lettuce as well as hardy winter annual color such as Pansies and Violas that do well during our harsh winters. By mulching your flower beds, you can retain soil moisture, regulate temperature, and suppress weeds, ensuring a healthy and vibrant landscape and garden throughout the season.

Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



Mark your Calendar

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series

Friday & Saturday evenings, through Sept.
The San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
(off downtown square), 7pm-9:30pm

Rockwall Farmer's Market

Saturdays, through Sept., 8am-12pm
Historic courthouse, Downtown square

Rib, Rub, Run, and Roll - Oct 5

Car Show and Pedal Car Race - Downtown
Concert, run, and bbq competition - Harry Myers

Harmony at the Harbor - Oct 10, 17, 24

Join us for live music at the Harbor, 7pm-9pm

Rockwall Fire Department Open House - Oct 19

Fun for the whole family, 9am-2pm

Halloween Festivities - Oct 26

Downtown Rockwall, 2pm-5pm

Hometown Christmas - December 7

Parade 9am
Downtown Events 10am-5pm
City Hall Tree Lighting 6pm-8pm



<https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp>