

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Rockwall Celebrates a Magical Hometown Christmas

Downtown Rockwall came alive on Saturday, December 7, 2024, for the annual Hometown Christmas, a day filled with festive fun, holiday spirit, and community cheer. Despite weather challenges, the event was a huge success, showcasing the creativity and holiday magic of Rockwall. This year's parade featured the theme "My Favorite Christmas Movie," with the following winners announced:

- Best Theme: Providence Academy
- Mayor's Award: Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department
- Best Corporate Award: Rockwall Crossing Orthodontics
- Small Fry Award: Rockwall Children's Advocacy Center

"We are so proud of everyone who participated and brought their holiday spirit to life," said Tarren Oswald, Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County Club President.

After the parade, families enjoyed free activities, including food trucks, photos with Santa, a snow hill, bounce houses, holiday crafts, and musical performances. The day wrapped up with the Tree Lighting Ceremony, where Santa made a special appearance, and attendees enjoyed live music, hot chocolate, and cookies, thanks to the Rockwall Women's League's long-standing tradition of cookie sharing.

For photos and event highlights, visit the City of Rockwall's Facebook page: facebook.com/cityofrockwall.



Keeping Your Streets Clear

You may have noticed companies hired by electric and phone providers out and about trimming around lines in the area.

Did you know? Homeowners in Rockwall are required to trim their overhanging trees and bushes to keep them clear of the public right of way. This includes keeping limbs from obstructing views of intersections and street signs. Here are a few tips:

- Maintain a minimum clearance of 12 feet above streets and alleys.
- Maintain a minimum clearance of eight feet above sidewalks.
- Shrubs and trees must not encroach upon streets or alleys.

Residents are encouraged to plan their tree trimming around their bulk pickup schedule. Please visit <https://www.rockwall.com/utility.asp> to find the bulk pickup schedule for your neighborhood.



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INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES



TxDOT is launching significant projects in Rockwall, including the widening of Interstate bridges over John King Blvd and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. These upgrades will involve adding lanes in the center of the existing bridges. Moreover, both eastbound and westbound frontage roads between Ridge Road and Hwy 205 will undergo transformations. TxDOT will lay down temporary pavement to facilitate traffic while the current roads are being revamped. The new frontage roads will feature enhanced drainage systems and sidewalks. The substructure for the I-30 eastbound frontage road is nearing completion, and construction over the lake will soon begin to shape the new lanes. Meanwhile, drilling has started on the westbound frontage road. Residents should expect various lane closures on I-30 and the adjoining frontage roads as these expansions and improvements take place. For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

SPOT A PROBLEM? REPORT IT WITH A CLICK!

Citizens can submit service requests through our online reporting system! Simply visit the Street Department's webpage to report issues like potholes, downed signs, clogged street drains, and more. Your submissions help us address concerns efficiently and keep our city streets in great condition.

https://www.rockwall.com/streets_srvreq.asp



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PET OF THE MONTH

Emmett

Hi! I'm Emmett! I'm an approximately 7 month old, male, Dutch Shepherd/Lab mix. I was found on 10/14/2024 off 276 and Jones in Rockwall County and never reclaimed. I consider myself a big, strong boy with a dazzling personality. I love to be silly and love to run and play. I am a confident guy and walk well on a leash and have yet to meet a stranger. I love kids of all ages as long as they can keep up at play time! I get along well with my brothers but if you have another dog in the home, a meet and greet is encouraged to make sure we get along. My adoption fee is \$125. I am neutered, microchipped, current on my rabies vaccination, basic boosters to date and heartworm negative.

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The new year is the perfect time to prepare your landscape and equipment for a successful spring season. Start by sharpening or replacing your lawn mower blade, and don't forget to change the oil and air filter to ensure your mower runs smoothly. It's also a great time to thoroughly inspect your irrigation system and make any necessary repairs before the growing season begins.

Before March 1st, focus on pruning your trees, cutting back ornamental grasses and perennial plants, and planting any new trees or shrubs. Mid to late February is also the ideal window to apply pre-emergent herbicide to prevent pesky spring and summer weeds.

Go Big or Go Home: Did you know the Bur Oak tree produces the largest acorn of any native Oak in Texas—just one more reason to consider this majestic tree for your landscape!

Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
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Mark your Calendar

Daddy Daughter Dance - January 25

Hilton Lakefront Rockwall

Fishing Derby - April 26

Harry Myers Park

Founders Day - May 17

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Concerts by the Lake - Kick Off on May 1

The Harbor

Thursday nights, May - July

San Jacinto Music Series - Kick Off on May 2

San Jacinto Plaza Downtown

Friday and Saturday nights, May - Sept

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