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A MONTHLY MESSAGE
FROM



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A Progress Update Rowlett Really is *On the Move!*

Spring is here! When you look around, all you see is growth. The grass is sprouting and turning green, the trees are beginning to leaf, Bluebonnets and other wildflowers are blooming all over the place...and the growth in our community is definitely keeping pace with Mother Nature!

Folks, this is such good news. The past year has brought new experiences to Rowlett, such as Sprouts and Dairy Queen, and our own Quik Trip has just recently opened. The construction progress we are now seeing on so many of our Economic Development projects, which will bring new living, dining and lifestyle options to our community, is not only exciting but is growth vital to keeping our tax rate manageable as well. Village of Rowlett construction is underway, Terra Lago, Harmony Hills, Valentino's relocation, Lake Pointe Hospital expansion...the list goes on and on! Get an update on the projects in this newsletter.

Bottom line? The more quality development we continue to attract to Rowlett, which leads to increased property taxes, the more funding we will have

available for crucial infrastructure and amenity improvements and maintenance without raising taxes!

You also may have noticed that progress is once again underway at Kids Kingdom. Staff was deployed elsewhere during the past couple of months during our tornado recovery efforts, but recently held a build day when most of the equipment not installed during the December build week was put in place. The poured in place rubber surfacing will be installed in early April, we expect to open Kids Kingdom in late April or early May! Active fundraising is still underway to fund some of the features so please visit www.rowlett.com/KidsKingdom to purchase YOUR personalized fence picket for just \$50 today!

I hope you'll join me in celebrating continued growth and progress as we anticipate spring and welcome the rebirth it brings to all of us here in Rowlett!

Mayor Todd Gottel

Neighbors helping neighbors...Rowlett resident Troy Cox presented the Chamber Foundation's Rebuild Rowlett Fund a check for \$5,650 at a recent City Council Meeting! Troy creates beautiful home decor art pieces from tornado debris and sells them as a fundraiser to help members of our community. He also presented special pieces created to honor Rowlett's first responders. One for all four fire stations, one for the police department and one for our Bat Mayor!





Village of Rowlett

Construction on the Village of Rowlett has officially begun!!! While this construction will take approximately 18-19 months to complete, we will start to see a lot of progress in the coming months. In the immediate future, the developer will perform site prep, which includes grading and earthwork. This will be

followed by water and sewer underground utility installation. This work will take us well into the summer, at which point we will begin to see work on Main Street and the individual buildings that will make up the Village of Rowlett. 18 months from now, downtown Rowlett will look completely different!

But wait...there's more!



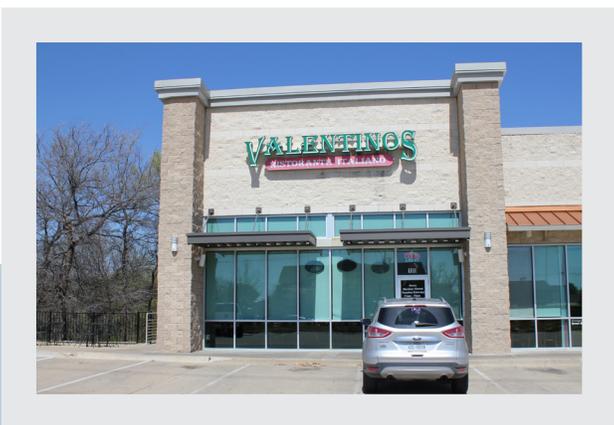
Bankhead Brewing Co.

Bankhead Brewing Co., located Downtown on Main Street, has gone vertical. They anticipate a May opening!

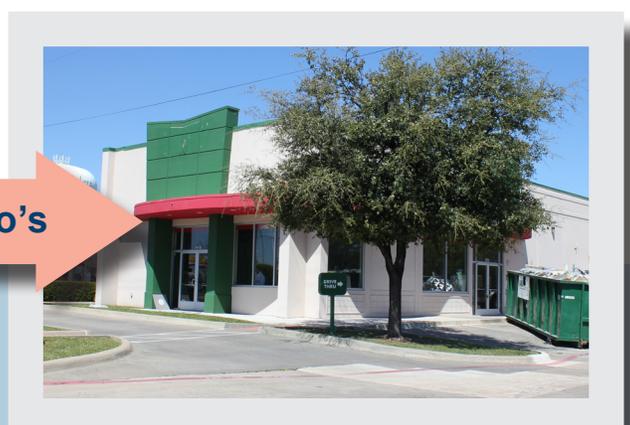


Jimmy John's

Located at 3701 Lakeview Parkway in the same center as Pizza Hut and just west of the tower, they are working on interior finish out and plan on opening late this month.



Valentino's



Popular Italian restaurant on SH66 (Lakeview Parkway) is undergoing renovations in their new building, which

was the former Krispy Kreme location. They anticipate a September/October grand re-opening.



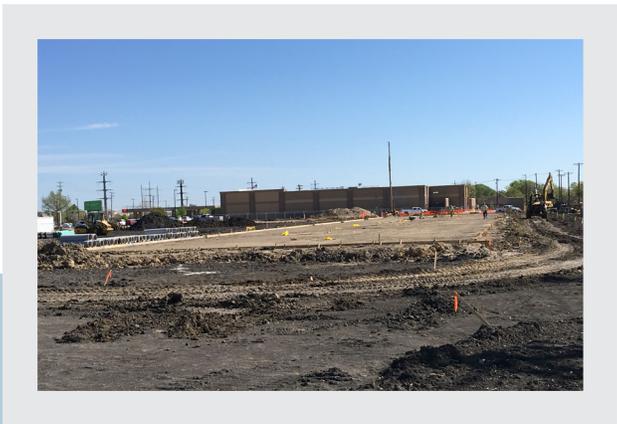
Bayside

Heavy equipment is onsite and grading and bush hogging has begun on the development's north side. A formal groundbreaking event is anticipated in late April to really kick off this legacy development! When finished, Bayside will feature a resort-like experience right on Lake Ray Hubbard, including a Crystal Lagoon, beach, expanded marina, spectacular fountain shows, hotels, retail, dining, housing options for every lifestyle, parks and boardwalks, and so much more. This is a game-changing development and I'm so excited to see it get underway!



Lake Pointe Hospital

Lake Pointe Medical Center's expansion continues! Expanding the women's services, along with general medical surgical services, they are also building a 45,000 square foot medical office building on the south side of the campus. The hospital, which is the City's largest employer, is a 112-bed acute care facility located at 6800 Scenic Drive and includes a medical staff of over 500 physicians.



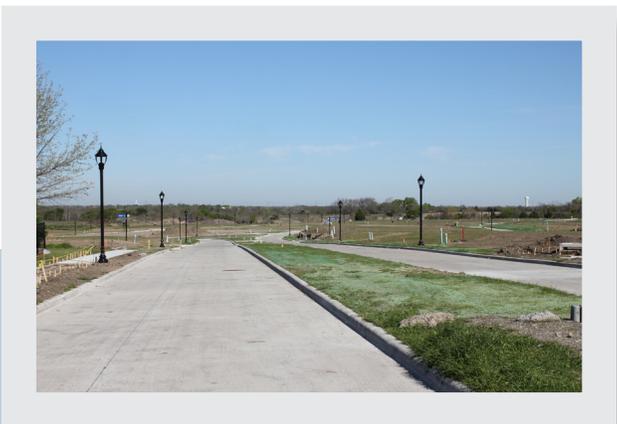
Dalrock Crossing

Retail development next to Walmart Neighborhood Market has broken ground, when completed it will consist of one 28,000 and one 10,000 square foot buildings.



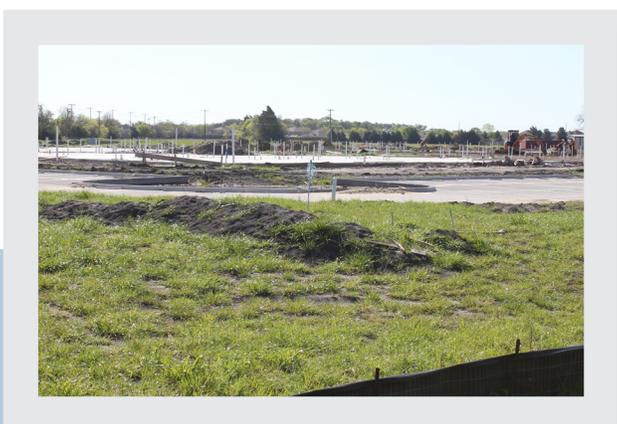
Beacon Harbor

Although impacted by a large amount of tornado debris, planning is ongoing for this very high-end, 80 unit mixed residential development located on Lake Ray Hubbard, which also features a boardwalk along the lake.



Homestead at Liberty Grove

Final grading is underway on this 195 acre, \$200 million project. New home construction is not far behind.



Rowlett Assisted Living

Located on Chiesa Road, groundwork is done and vertical construction will begin very soon.



First Choice Emergency Room

Construction has begun on this full service, 24/7 emergency care center, part of the nation's oldest and largest freestanding emergency room system. Located between Sprouts and Walgreens on SH66 (Lakeview Parkway), they are anticipating an early summer, 2017, grand opening.



Goody Goody Liquor...

...has almost finished their interior and will open soon next to Aldi!



Terra Lago



Terra Lago, located at the northeast corner of Scenic and SH66 (Lakeview Parkway), has begun construction of the parking garage. Located on Lake Ray Hubbard next to Scenic Point Park, Terra Lago will be a 447-unit very high-end mixed residential

complex consisting of two four-and-five story buildings with an entrance into the park. This community will serve as a wonderful alternative to a "single family home" for the many employees of Lake Pointe Medical Center, the City's largest employer.



Harmony Hills



Harmony Hills, the 654 unit upscale luxury apartment community on Merritt Road near the President George Bush Turnpike, continues to move forward on building construction.



Deno's Kitchen & Spirits

From the creators of Cosa Nostra, this new restaurant offering located at 8100 Lakeview Parkway is now open!



Backcountry Brewery

Successful craft brewery based out of Colorado, located at 3313 Enterprise Drive across the street from the Post Office, is also now open. During their grand opening weekend, \$1 of each pint sold was donated to the Rowlett Tornado Relief Fund, totaling over \$700!



Quik Trip



Quik Trip is open and the right turn only lane from SH66 (Lakeview Parkway) onto the President George Bush access road is under construction!

Also Coming Soon...



Gat'splat Paintball

Indoor paintball is coming to Rowlett! The facility, located at 4720 Industrial Street, is currently working on interior remodeling.



Construction will soon begin on these exciting additions to our Rowlett dining experience, located between Sprouts and Walgreens on SH66 (Lakeview Parkway).



Construction is also underway on Platinum Self Storage, located on Chiesa and SH66 (Lakeview Parkway).



Kids Kingdom Playground Update



Kids Kingdom is now in the final stages of construction! The installation of four final structures took place in February, including the Giant Bouncy Spider, the Mini Apollo and two Biggo Swings. Next is a final site survey and ground surface preparation for the Pour in Place rubber safety surfacing, which goes in during the first week in April, weather permitting. At this time, we anticipate a late April or early May opening... if Mother Nature cooperates!



Events...

Senior Health Fair

Tuesday, April 12, 9am-Noon
Rowlett Community Centre

Keep Rowlett Beautiful's Great American Cleanup

Saturday, April 9, 9am-1pm
Community Park

Keep Rowlett Beautiful's Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding

Saturday, April 16, 9am-1pm
Rowlett High School

KidFish

Saturday, April 23, 9am
Community Park

Third Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, April 23, 1:30pm
Community Park

Election Day – Saturday, May 7

Memorial Day Celebration Featuring Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, May 28, 10am-1pm
Rowlett Community Centre