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Rowlett On the Move

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Information YOU need...when you need it!

CONNECT ROWLETT

New City-to-Citizen Notification Service puts Rowlett residents in control of the information they receive... and how they want to receive it!

In January, the City of Rowlett launched a new Emergency Notification System, commonly referred to as “reverse 911”, that allows citizens to create their own account and register several physical addresses, land lines, wireless devices, and email addresses so that they receive the information they want...how they want it. The new service, *Connect Rowlett*, also allows citizens to register any health conditions or special instructions for members of their individual households!



The reason for a mass notification system is to expediently alert citizens about emergencies and other events of interest in their community. Having a mass notification system allows the City to do that with one simple message. *Connect Rowlett* will send voice messages to warn the public of impending disasters or any situation that would be deemed an emergency, as well as targeted community notifications such as road closures, missing persons, dangerous suspects in the neighborhood, etc. Citizens opt in to the types of community notifications they wish to receive, therefore no one should ever receive messages that are of no interest to them.

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Jim Proce Promoted to Assistant City Manager

City Manager Brian Funderburk promotes Managing Director of Public Works and Development Services to Assistant City Manager

Brian vacated this position in December 2013, when he accepted the appointment to City Manager by the Rowlett City Council. Jim has been with the City of Rowlett, leading the Public Works and Development Services Department, since 2011.

“*Jim Proce is a seasoned professional with over 30 years of leadership and experience. He has outstanding leadership qualities and skills that will serve our organization very well in the years to come. His passion for service with an absolute commitment to his community is at the core of our citizen-centered mission.*”

Brian Funderburk, City Manager

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Connect Rowlett Emergency Notification Service



The success of this system depends on Rowlett citizens!

The reason for a mass notification system is to expediently alert citizens about emergencies and other events of interest in their community. Having a mass notification system allows the City to do that with one simple message.

As many residents have moved away from the traditional “land line” and now use their cell phones for calls, text and email, *it’s imperative that everyone register as individuals rather than as a household.* This will ensure as many people as possible are notified when a disaster or emergency strikes!



CONNECT ROWLETT FAQ

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WHAT IS CONNECT ROWLETT?

An emergency notification service which allows Rowlett residents to opt-in and receive information via phone, text messaging, e-mail and more based on locations and subjects relevant to them. These notifications would include events that may affect home, workplace, families, schools and more.

2

WHEN WILL IT BE USED?

This system will be used to notify residents of imminent threats to health and safety as well as informational notifications that affect home and/or work environments. The City will send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks, police activity and more.

3

WILL I STILL GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS IF I DON’T SIGN UP?

Yes, emergency notifications will still be sent to citizens in Rowlett based on 9-1-1 data, but citizens are encouraged to sign up to customize the way information is delivered.

4

WHAT IF MY PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES?

Stay informed! If contact information changes, residents should visit their profile and update the information.

5

WILL MY CONTACT INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH OTHERS?

No. The information that citizens provide will be used only for City of Rowlett notification purposes. We will not give or sell contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.

Connect Rowlett Profile

CITIZENS CREATE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL SAFETY PROFILE TO INCLUDE:

HEALTH CONDITIONS (I.E. NEEDS OXYGEN, ON DIALYSIS, ALZHEIMERS, SEVERE ALLERGIES, ETC.)

PETS

VEHICLES

AN EMERGENCY CONTACT

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

HOME ACCESS POINTS

THIS ALLOWS FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE PREPARED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WHEN A CALL TO 911 IS PLACED

CITIZENS MAY ALSO CHOOSE THE TYPE OF MASS NOTIFICATIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE (I.E. SEVERE WEATHER, COMMUNITY EVENTS, ETC.)

CONNECT ROWLETT: [SIGN UP HERE!!](#)



Jim Proce *named Assistant City Manager*

As Managing Director of Public Works and Development Services, Jim was responsible for the administration of the Public Works, Utilities and Planning Departments, overseeing a staff of 60. Under his leadership, the department:

- Completed Utility analysis providing solid basis for rate proposal, established Utility Fund, CIP/CASH CIP, and project delivery efficiency.
- Created one-stop customer and developer friendly shop for permitting services functions.
- Established realistic construction standards and processes to provide protections for the City and developers alike with a focus on form-based codes for specific areas.
- Established regional mutual aid agreement for Public Works Agencies in the Metroplex.
- Oversaw the two-year Realize Rowlett 2020 community vision (comprehensive plan) update.

A Rowlett resident, Jim has over 32 years of experience in municipal government in Florida and Texas, 12 in the position of Director of Public Works. He has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Central Florida and is a graduate of the Harvard University State and Local Government Executive Training Program. During his career, he has accumulated many honors and awards including the National Community Involvement Award by the American Public Works Association (2011), and was named the State of Florida Public Works Employee of the Year by FACERS (2010). Jim is a Designated Public Works Leadership Fellow by the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership through the American Public Works Association and is a member of the International City Management Association.

Jim will now have direct oversight, serving as Chief of Operations, over Public Works and Utilities, Development Services, and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Welcome to the City Manager's Office staff, Jim!

"I am excited and energized to continue serving this great community that I call home.

With the development strategies, staff, City Council and the community vision all now in place, I look forward to this expanded leadership role, assisting Rowlett to reach the potential that our citizens have desired for so many years."

Once Every Two Week Landscape Watering Still in Effect!

Landscape watering is allowed once every fourteen days based on the last number of your physical address.

No landscape watering is allowed between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Exceptions to this Schedule

Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to 2 hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip/bubbler irrigation system.

Registered and properly functioning ET/Smart irrigation systems and drip/bubbler irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions.

Golf courses, using NTMWD water, may water greens and tee boxes without restrictions.

Locations using other water sources such as well water, water reuse, or reclaimed water for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.

Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.

FEBRUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 5
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NO WATERING						
9 0	10 3 & 4	11 1	12 6 & 7	13 2	14 8 & 9	15 5
NO WATERING						
16 0	17 3 & 4	18 1	19 6 & 7	20 2	21 8 & 9	22
NO WATERING						
23 0	24 3 & 4	25 1	26 6 & 7	27 2	28 8 & 9	
						Watering Day: Use Last Digit in Address



STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE:

PROHIBIT OPERATION OF ALL ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS TO THE EXTENT THEY USE TREATED WATER.

PROHIBIT WASHING OR RINSING OF VEHICLES BY HOSE EXCEPT WITH A HOSE END CUTOFF NOZZLE.

EXISTING SWIMMING POOLS MAY NOT BE DRAINED AND REFILLED (EXCEPT TO REPLACE NORMAL WATER LOSS).

PROHIBIT USING WATER IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ALLOW RUNOFF OR OTHER WASTE.

PROHIBIT HYDRO-SEEDING, HYDRO-MULCHING, OVER-SEEDING, AND SPRIGGING.

View the [NTMWD Water Plan](#).
For More Information call the City of Rowlett
Action Center at 972-412-6100.

ANNUAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VOLUNTEER BANQUET



Volunteer of the Year
Lee Shaw

*The **Volunteer of the Year** award recognizes outstanding individual contributions to the City of Rowlett and its programs, services and events.*

Lee Shaw, who serves as the City's Emergency Management Program Coordinator Volunteer, is the retired Director of the 9-1-1 Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and generously shares her wealth of knowledge in the Emergency Management field on an almost daily basis. If it weren't for her relentless dedication to the emergency management processes, City staff would certainly struggle with this extremely cumbersome and highly detailed area of specialization as emergency management is very important to a community and an entity that effects all the departments within a city structure. She has also been extremely instrumental in developing and publishing the City's hazard mitigation plan. Lee was also named Volunteer of the Year in 2009!



Platinum Volunteer of the Year
Benny Stovall

*The **Platinum Volunteer of the Year** is awarded to one who made a significant contribution by way of their volunteerism.*

Benny Stovall performs the difficult task of scheduling duties for Rowlett Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and was the driving force behind the creation of an electronic scheduling system. He actively assists in recruiting new members and then serves as a VIPS Training Officer to teach them the proper procedures for patrol and all other facets of the program. In addition to receiving this honor, he was also voted 2013 VIPS Officer of the Year by the membership of the VIPS program.

This annual event, held this year on Thursday, January 16, honors the City's many volunteers and thanks outgoing Boards and Commissions members for their service.

In Fiscal Year 2013
23,378 volunteer hours were donated
\$527,641 taxpayer dollars saved
11.39 Full Time Employee equivalents!



Diamond Volunteer of the Year
Sharon Porter

*The **Diamond Volunteer of the Year** is awarded to the volunteer with the most volunteer hours.*

Sharon Porter volunteered 826 hours in Fiscal Year 2013, lending her talents and dependable, never-say-no attitude to almost every City department! She is cherished by her "co-workers" and is considered a dear friend of the City. Sharon was also 2008 Volunteer of the Year!



Richard Huff Excellence in
Community Service Award
Jerry Barshop

*Beginning in 2005, Rowlett Mayors have had the honor of recognizing another volunteer with the **Richard Huff Excellence in Community Service Award**, named for one of Rowlett's most civically engaged citizens.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Little Sweethearts Dance

Saturday, February 8
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

This year's event, the Rowlett Roundup, carries a country western theme so Daddies, dress up in your finest western duds and treat that special little girl to a night she will never forget! Fathers and daughters,

dance and twirl your way through this special evening created just for you. *Special appearance this year by Miss Texas!!*

\$40 per couple.

\$15 for each additional daughter.

Includes a keepsake photo and light refreshments.



Standard First Aid/CPR Class

Saturday, February 8
8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
\$30

Rowlett Fire Rescue sponsors the American Heart Association Standard First Aid/CPR class, which is open to anyone 16 years or older. Classes are limited to 12 students, each of

whom will receive a book and a two-year course completion card.

Space is limited, for more information or to register call Fire Administration at 972-412-6230.



CERT Class

Saturdays, February 1 & 8
8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

The Rowlett Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is recruiting residents to join. CERT serves an essential role in disaster preparedness and emergency response in the Rowlett area.

During a natural or man-made disaster, CERT assists Fire and Police in doing damage assessment, accounting for residents and securing quick, accessible routes into neighborhoods. Rowlett CERT is also an essential component of large City events, providing access and traffic control, fire watch, courtesy patrols, communications and information technology services, first aid stations, public information and education.

A course fee of \$20 covers disposable materials used in the class. For more information or to register for the class, visit www.RowlettCERT.com or email CERT@rowlettcitizencorps.org.



City Council Ballot Filing

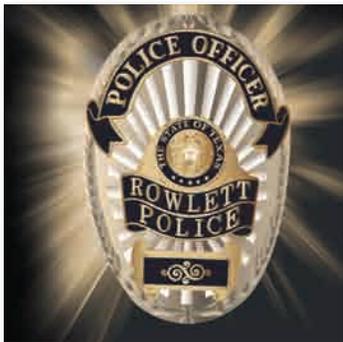
Wednesday, January 29 -
Friday, February 28
City Hall

Are you interested in running for a place on the City Council? Places One, Three and Five will be on the ballot in May, candidate filing to run will be accepted Monday, January 29

through Friday, February 28. Visit the [Elections page](http://Elections.page) of Rowlett.com for more information including Councilmember qualifications.

Did You Know?

- ...members of the City Council set your property taxes?
- ...members of the City Council set your water and garbage rates?
- ...members of the City Council approve funding for road and alley repairs?
- ...members of the City Council approve the budget for the entire City?



Citizens Police Academy

Spring Session Begins
Thursday, February 13
7:00 P.M.

Rowlett Police Department

Is CSI your favorite television show? Are you interested in the inner workings of your police

department? Then the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is for you!

The CPA is an exciting 11-week course held one night per week that

is designed to help you, the Rowlett resident, better understand what a police officer encounters while on duty.

Each week, a qualified police instructor will demonstrate how a different section of the Rowlett Police Department operates. There is also an evening at the shooting range with hands-on instruction in the use of police firearms and a driving course where students are able to drive a police squad car. You will also do a ride along with an officer on patrol.

The Rowlett Police Department's Citizens Police Academy held its first session in the Spring of 1998 and has been held twice yearly since its inception with participation from over 300 citizens to date.

To learn more about the program or to enroll, please contact Officer Chad Caldwell at 972-412-6242 or via [email](mailto:).

Monthly Financial Update

The City of Rowlett's monthly financial report is provided as one element in the City's effort to ensure financial transparency for its citizens and policy makers.

The Finance Department prepares the report and presents it to the City Council at a regular City Council meeting each month.

While the presentation made at the Council meeting usually provides a high level overview, the report itself is very detailed, providing information on each of the City's funds, key local, state and national economic indicators, and "dashboard" information about the City's primary operating funds, major revenue sources and overall fund performance.

This report is prepared in a way as to provide financially relevant information that is easy to read and understand. Staff uses a forecasting model based on historical data in order to provide a framework for comparing projected performance to actual performance.

The purpose of this effort is two-fold. First, the report informs the City Council and public regarding the status of the City's financial position. In other words, *where we are versus where did we project we would be* at this point in the fiscal year. Second, it informs the staff and City Council about significant variances in projected versus

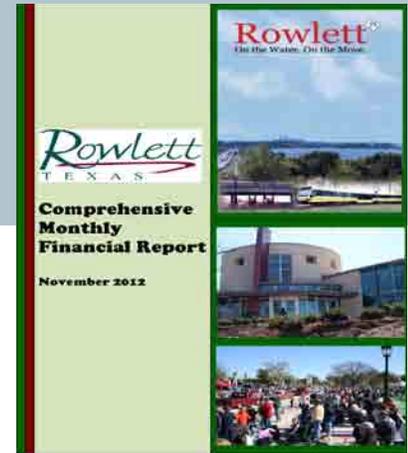
actual revenues and expenditures. This allows the Council to monitor and make adjustments, and to make decisions appropriately for future budgets. You could say that this report serves as an early warning system!

"The November figures project a positive trend so far this fiscal year! General Fund revenues are 3.3%, or \$100,000, higher than expected at this point in FY2014.

*Alan Guard
Director of Financial Services*

The report provided to Council in January includes financial information through November, the second month of the City's fiscal year. On the revenue side of the equation, across all funds, the City has earned or received \$10.2 million in FY 2014. This amount is 12.5% of the approved operating budget of \$81.4 million and is 2.1% more than the forecast projected through the month of November. Expenditures have totaled \$10.9 million through the same time period. This amount is 13.2% of the approved operating budget of \$82.7 million and is 5.4% lower than forecast. Based on these figures, the net shortfall from operations is \$0.7 million, which is \$0.8 million better than expected at this point in the fiscal year.

This month, we want highlight the City's General Fund, including its major sources of revenue. After the first two months of



the fiscal year, General Fund revenues are \$3.2 million, which is \$100,000 or 3.3% higher than expected. General Fund expenditures total \$5.3 million, which is \$527,000 lower than expected, or 9.1%. Major revenue sources in the General Fund include: Property Taxes, Sales Tax, and Franchise Fees.

The majority of property taxes are received in December and January. Sales tax is received by the City each month, and is remitted to the City by the State Comptroller's Office. Franchise fees are paid by electric, natural gas, cable and telecommunications utilities to the City generally on a quarterly basis. Natural gas franchise fees are paid once per year. These are paid to City for the privilege of access to City right-of-way.

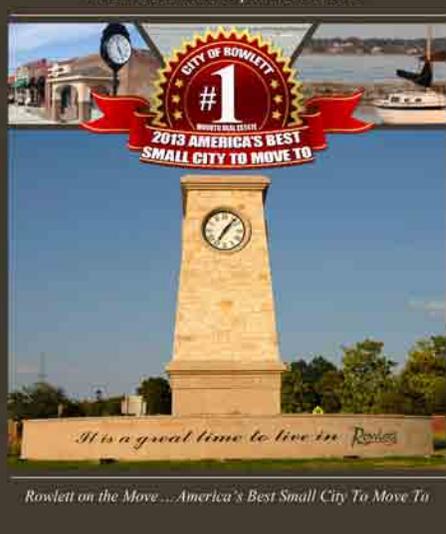
Of General revenues, property taxes make up 47%, sales tax 16% and franchise fees 9%. The three sources make up more than 72% of the General Fund resources.

View the [November Monthly Financial Report](#).

Annual Audit

City Attains an Unqualified Audit Opinion

City of Rowlett, Texas
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013



External Independent Auditors Award Rowlett the Best Opinion Possible!

Following the close of each fiscal year, the City's external independent auditors conduct an audit of the City's financial records. These records are presented in financial statements within a format known as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or "CAFR." The goal of the audit, conducted for the second year by the public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell, is to provide users of this report reasonable assurance in the form of an "opinion" that the information presented is reliable and that negative concerns with operations or management have not been noted.

We are pleased to report that the City has again attained an unqualified audit opinion (clean) for the fiscal year ended [September 30, 2013 CAFR](#). This is the best opinion the City could have received. In addition, the auditors noted no deficiencies in the City's accounting practices, staff's attention to completeness, procedures, and noted no material findings or recommendations for improvement over internal controls. Again, this is the best result the City could have received.

Finally, based on the monetary level of federal grants received during the year, the auditors were required to conduct a special audit of these federal awards, referred to as a "Single Audit" and issue a report to provide assurance to the United States government as to the management and use of such funds. Again, this audit resulted in no deficiencies in controls over financial reporting, the best news the City and its citizens could have received!



Valentine Fun at the Rowlett Library

Saturday Movie at the Library

Saturday, February 1 - *Gnomeo & Juliet*

Saturday, March 1 - *Legend of the Guardians*

10:30 A.M.

Families, kids, teens and tweens are invited to enjoy a free movie and popcorn!

Black History Month Celebration with the Lake Cities Chorale

Saturday, February 1

2:00 P.M.

Celebrate Black History Month with special songs from the Lake Cities Chorale. Enjoy as they sing traditional favorites and wonderful classics.

Valentine Crafts at the Library

Saturday, February 8

10:30 A.M.

Give your heart to someone! Participants will be shown how to fold paper and cut hearts for Valentines for that someone special. Free and open to all ages.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Saturday, February 8

2:00 P.M.

Dress up as your favorite Wonderland character and discover the world of Lewis Carroll. Meet Alice and other zany occupants of Wonderland as you create your own hat, then join the Mad Hatter for a tea party!



STORY TIME!



The Young & the Restless Baby Story Time

Every Monday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

For babies up to age 2

February 3 - Food is Fun

February 1 - We Love the Baby

February 17 - Tiny Bugs

February 24 - Teddy Bear Time

An interactive story time between baby and caregiver, which includes board books, songs, nursery rhymes, baby sign language, peekaboo, bubbles and parachute play.

Giggle, Wiggle Toddler Story Time

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

February 5 - Fun with Colors

February 12 - Valentine's Day

February 19 - Nursery Rhyme Time

February 26 - Pets, Pets, Pets

Toddlers will have lots of fun learning as they are introduced to letters of the alphabet and new words to build their vocabulary. Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Shake, Rattle and Read Preschool Story Time

Every Friday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

February 7 - Peas Please

February 14 - Funny Valentine

February 21 - Socks and Shoes

February 28 - Monkey Mischief

Continue your child's introduction to letters and words through stories, books, rhymes and much more!

For children 3 years of age and older.

Prime Time Book Club

Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

February 6 - Encyclopedia Brown

February 13 - Arthur

February 20 - The Zack Files

February 27 - Amber Brown

Weekly after-school reading club for elementary school students in grades 1 to 5. Each week, a book series or favorite book will be read and discussed, with a take-home activity to do relating to the books.

Pajama Story Time

Thursday, February 20

7:00 P.M.

Families are invited to wind down the day with a blankie, pillow, lullaby and bedtime story. Yes, kids are encouraged to wear their jammies and parents should wear their slippers!

ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!



Phil's Technology Corner

Installing and Removing Programs

Phil Barott, Technical Services Supervisor with the Rowlett Public Library, offers a useful technology tip each month.

Installing programs on your computer is usually pretty straightforward. Depending on the program type, installation will begin with either a disc or a downloaded executable file. If you're using a disc, the program will usually start installing automatically when you put the disc in the computer. If you're using a downloaded file, simply double click on it and the program will install. Before beginning either method though, close any programs running to ensure nothing interferes with the new program's installation.

The installation process for each program will look a little different, but generally you'll start with the option for either an express installation or a custom installation. The express installation is the easy way to go, since the program will install with the default configuration. The custom gives you more options, but unless you're familiar with how you want the program to run, you may not be familiar with those options. Either way, once you make your choice, click "next" or "ok" and follow any prompts to come

up. The file will then begin installing. Depending on the size of the program, this could take anywhere from a few seconds to an hour. The installation process may also require a computer restart.

Assuming your computer meets the system requirements, everything should run fine. If it doesn't, there may be a few things that are blocking the installation:

- A program running may be preventing the installation.
- A virus protection program may be blocking the installation, though if this is the case it usually gives the option of overriding the block.
- The installation file or disc may be unreadable or corrupt. In the case of a bad disc, exchange it with the seller for a new one. For a bad file, try downloading and running it again.
- The program may not be compatible with your operating system.

If you run into trouble, you might also search online to see if anyone else has had trouble installing that particular program. There may be an established fix to your issue. Once you've got the program installed, always run it to make sure it actually works.

Uninstalling programs has a little more to it. Open the Control Panel (found in the Start menu), then choose Programs for a list of all the programs on your computer. Select the one to remove, and click "remove" on the right side of the screen. This should remove the program. If you can't find it in the Programs listing, go directly to the program itself. Most are located in the C: drive under Program Files. You can also just search your C: drive by opening it up, clicking "ctrl+f", and typing in the name of the program. Once it's located, look to see if it has a built in uninstaller. If it does, double click it and let it uninstall the program. If not, you may need to download a tool for uninstalling programs, such as IOBit Uninstaller or AppRemover. As with the installation process, if you're still having trouble, search online for information about uninstalling this particular program and see if anyone else has had the same difficulties you have. They may have come up with a solution!

Remember, the majority of malware and viruses come from clicking on an infected executable file, so be sure to acquire new programs only from reputable sources!

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION SERIES

Free classes at the Rowlett Library to educate Rowlett residents on the various ways technology can save time, money and generally make lives easier!

Facebook Apps

Tuesday, February 11
10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Free, for adults

Learn about the many apps Facebook offers for installation on your home page and how to set them up. These range from browser games to sharing on other sites such as Goodreads and Pinterest!

Improving your Internet Browser

Tuesday, February 18
10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.
Free, for adults

Come learn more about Browser extensions, software installed on an Internet browser to improve its functionality.

Library eBooks

Tuesday, February 25
10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.
Free, for adults

Did you know you can check out eBooks for free at the library? With a service called Overdrive, you can! Come learn how to access and use this great program!

The library also offers **FREE** one-on-one sessions to help you get the most from your computers and personal devices such as cell phones or tablets.



One on One Tech Help

Every Friday
Rowlett Library
Flexible times

Did you get a new iPad and aren't sure how to use it? Would you like to learn the basics of Microsoft Office? Two 30 minute sessions are available every Friday for reservation. Contact Technical Services Supervisor Phil Barott at 972-412-6161 or via [email](#). Reservations are on a first come first served basis so call today!

ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Get fit and have fun at the Rowlett Community Centre!

Innovative Art

Sundays

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

A series of adult classes for the beginner, which teaches three completely different forms of memorable art creation. One-stroke Acrylic uses acrylic paints on canvas or enamel paints on glassware. Scratch Art on Clay: using a sharp tool students will carve unique designs on to a black clay surface and showcase a vivid art piece! Doodle Art: students will learn to make complex, eye-dazzling designs to include abstract and animal sketches. Each class will feature a new variety of projects.

Basketball Hotshots

Thursdays, 6:30 P.M.

\$35

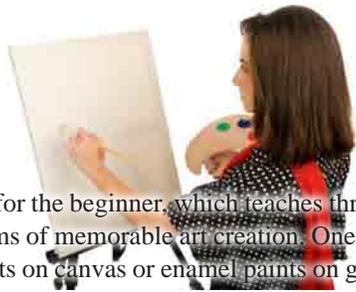
Geared for 3-5 year olds to focus on basic skills, teamwork, coordination and motor skills and learn the basics of shooting, passing, dribbling and defense. Not only do kids learn basic athletic skills, but parents get tips to keep working with children at home when the class is over.

Skyhawks Volleyball

Fridays, 6:45 – 7:45 P.M.

\$60

Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it together into one fun-filled session. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player. Our volleyball staff will assist each young athlete in developing fundamental skills through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player. Ages 7-12 are welcome.



Skyhawks Basketball

Fridays, 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

\$60

This fun, skill-intensive program for kids ages 6-12 is designed with the beginner to intermediate player in mind. Using our progression-oriented curriculum, our basketball staff focuses on the whole player, teaching your child the skills needed both on and off the court to be a better athlete. Each day will start with a “skill of the day” and progress into drills and games. After a week of passing, shooting, dribbling, and rebounding, your child will show you why this is one of our most popular programs.

Beginning Golf

Saturday, March 1

10:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 6 – 12

FREE!!

Specialized golf instruction clinic featuring a curriculum designed just for kids. Bring your own clubs or use ours. Our goal is for your player to become more confident with their golf swing and equipment.

Pottery Painting

Thursdays

5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Fun family program for kids and parents to learn all about art and pottery. We will provide all of the tools (pottery, paint, brushes, stencils and sponges). The art pieces are taken back to a kiln to be fired then brought back to the next class.



Spring Athletic League Registration Now Open!

Men's Basketball, Men's Flag Football and Co-ed Volleyball

Attention athletes ages 18 and up!

Register through February 23

Grab your friends and join us for a little fun and friendly competition!

Men's Open Basketball League will run on Mondays and the new

Men's Church League will run on Thursdays. The cost is \$350 per

team. *Men's Flag Football* will run on Saturdays in March & April at Springfield Park and the fee is \$250 per team.

Co-ed Volleyball will run on Friday nights in March and April and the fee is \$200 per team.

Girl's Spring Youth Volleyball

Ages 10-14

Register through February 23

League play is on Saturdays in March, April and May. Teams will play 7 regular season games and will participate in a single elimination playoff tournament at the end of the season. The league fee is \$65 for Centre members, \$70 for Rowlett Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. A league jersey is included in the fee.



For more information and to register for programs, please contact the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170.

Rowlett Police Department Reminds Motorists of Construction Zone Safety

Work zone safety and awareness are critical, both for drivers and the men and women that work on our streets every day.

Work zone safety and awareness is critical, both for drivers and the men and women that work on our roadways every day. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reports that each year in Texas there are approximately 15,000 crashes and more than 100 people killed in highway construction and maintenance zones. While work zone fatalities and crashes have declined significantly, there is still work to do. With approximately 80,000 miles of roadways in Texas it's important for motorists to understand the necessity of safely operating their vehicle through road construction work zones.

Everyone knows that roadway work zones are a dangerous place to work, however almost no one realizes that it can be more dangerous to drive through them. There are numerous hazards present for motorists to negotiate such as narrowed and/or shifted lanes of traffic, debris in the road, trucks and heavy equipment entering and exiting

“Our goal is to eliminate work zone fatalities through education and awareness. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility; it is not the place to speed, drive aggressively or drive while distracted. The Rowlett Police Department asks that everyone utilize appropriate safety precautions, stay alert, and drive safely when travelling through work zones.”

*Lt. Michael Godfrey
Rowlett Police Department*

Through the years, work zones have been improved through engineered traffic control plans containing better signage, smoother transitions and advanced warning systems; but the most important safety factor in reducing the hazards associated with work zones and reducing crashes in them is an alert, knowledgeable and defensive driver. Motorists should always be alert to changing road conditions and not take existing conditions for granted-road construction conditions are dynamic and can change on a daily basis.

2010 Work Zone Safety Statistics

- Four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone
- 3,073 distracted driver crashes in Texas work zones
- 7,468 vehicles were involved in these crashes
- 14 fatalities occurred as a result of Texas work zone crashes



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Work Zone Driving Safety Tips

1 Slow Down!

Pay close attention to posted signs and reduced speed limits.

2 Stay Alert!

Motorists should always be alert to changing road conditions and not take existing conditions for granted-road construction conditions are dynamic. Expect the unexpected and drive defensively.

3 Back Off!

Leave ample space between you and the vehicle in front of you in case the need for evasive maneuvers arises.

4 Stay Off the Phone!

Pay attention to changing road conditions, eliminate distractions in the vehicle.

5 Watch for Flaggers!

Things change fast in work zones. Obey all traffic control devices in a work zone, especially road crew flaggers.

ATM Safety

Officer Chad Caldwell Offers Safety Tips to Help YOU Avoid Becoming a Victim.

With an estimated 400,000 ATMs in the U.S., each holding anywhere from \$15,000 to \$250,000, these machines are a convenient part of our daily lives these days. Unfortunately, they can also attract thieves looking to prey on the unattentive.



Memorize your PIN. Do not write it on your ATM card or carry it in your wallet or purse.

Before you approach the ATM, have your card ready and know your PIN.

When approaching the ATM, be alert for suspicious persons.

Never approach an ATM if the lights at the site are not working.

If possible, take a companion along to the ATM, particularly after dark.

If there is a line, wait well behind the person ahead of you, and do not approach the ATM until they complete their transaction.

Advise someone if they are too close to you.

When using the ATM, stand directly in front of the keyboard, blocking the view of others

Never accept offers of assistance with the ATM from strangers.

When your ATM transaction is completed, immediately put your property (card, receipt, money, etc.) in your pocket, wallet or purse and leave immediately. Never stand and count your money.

Notify the issuer immediately if you lose your card or if it is stolen.

Contact Officer Caldwell at 972-412-6242 or via [email](#) for more information or with any questions!

CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP

For more info
please call Rowlett Code Enforcement at
972-412-6283 or visit Rowlett.com

Starting or currently running a Home Business? Follow the Home Business Ordinance requirements to avoid a code violation!

- The business or service is located within the dwelling or an associated accessory building, and does not exceed 20% of the combined floor area of the structures or 500 square feet, whichever is less.
- The principal person or persons providing the business or service shall reside in the dwelling on the premises.
- The home business shall employ no more than one person who does not reside on the premises.
- The home business shall cause no change in the external appearance of the existing buildings and structures on the property.
- All business vehicles shall be of a size, and located on the premises in such a manner, so that a casual observer or a person of normal sensibilities will not be able to detect that the premises are being used as a home business.
- No more than one commercial vehicle displaying commercial signage and/or side toolboxes and/or with mounted ladders shall be located on the premises.
- No vehicle larger than one ton shall be kept on the premises.
- No additional parking areas shall be located in the front setback or exterior side setback.
- There shall be no advertising devices on the property, or other signs of the home business, which are visible from outside the dwelling or accessory building.
- The property shall contain no outdoor display or storage of goods or services that are associated with the home business.
- Wholesale or retail sale of goods shall not occur on the premises.
- The home business shall not create traffic or parking congestion, noise, vibration, odor, glare, fumes, or electrical or communications interference that can be detected by the normal senses off the premises, including visual or audible interference with radio or television reception.

February is National Heart Month

Be prepared! Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner shares the keys to performing HeartSaver CPR correctly... remember, your actions in an emergency might save a life!

Cardiovascular disease is our nation's number one killer. According to the American Heart Association, about 95% of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital. If more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved. Heartsaver CPR is designed to teach CPR and relief of foreign-body airway obstruction. It is a great tool for babysitters, parents, grandparents, and those who have elderly parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends.

CPR and Compression Basics

- Confirm that a person is unresponsive by shaking them.
- For infants, tap their feet to prevent any injury that might result from shaking them.
- Once unresponsiveness is confirmed, look at their chest, mouth and nose to see if they are breathing.
- If they are unresponsive and not breathing, immediately call 9-1-1 and begin CPR.
- For an adult or child, place the heel of your hand on the lower half of their breastbone (sternum) and begin chest compressions at a rate of 100 compressions per minute.
- For an infant, place 2 fingers just below the nipple line along their breastbone (sternum) and begin chest compressions at a rate of 100 compressions per minute.

Interested in Learning More?



Standard First Aid/CPR Class

Saturday, February 8
8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
\$30

Rowlett Fire Rescue sponsors the American Heart Association Standard First Aid/CPR class, which is open to anyone 16 years or older. Classes are limited to 12 students, who will receive a book and a 2 year course completion card.

Space is limited, for more information or to register call Fire Administration at 972-412-6230.

Plan Ahead and Be Prepared

“Time” to Change Batteries!



Daylight Savings Begins March 9

Rowlett Fire Rescue Urges Homeowners to Change Smoke Detector Batteries when you ‘Spring Forward’!

Smoke is responsible for three out of four fire-related deaths. One of the best ways you can protect your family from fire is to make sure you have good working smoke detectors inside your home for early smoke and fire detection. Change your batteries when you set your clocks forward each spring and back in the fall!

Do you or someone you know need assistance with changing smoke detector batteries?
Call Fire Administration at 972-412-6230.

Construction Corner

Monthly Public Works Update

Springfield Estates Drainage Channel Improvements are being made to the drainage channel which services the Springfield East and Springfield Estates Subdivisions.

The project area includes 72 homes in Springfield East, just to the north of Springfield Estates, 90 Homes in Springfield Estates B and an additional 14 homes from Springfield Estates A, all of which drain into the channel. This also includes the 24 homes that back up to the channel. A total of 176 homes drain into the channel.

The project budget is \$167,800.50, the contract time is 150 days, and it is approximately 15% complete.



Did You Know?

As of January 29, debris collected by Waste Management and City crews from December's ice storm has totaled 2,055.7 TONS!!



Rowlett

City Calendar

February

						<p>1 CERT Class - 8am Free Movie & Popcorn: <i>Gnomeo & Juliet</i> 10:30am @ Library Lake Cities Chorale Black History Month Music 2pm @ Library</p>
2	3	<p>4 Senior Computer Class - Intro to the Internet (thru Thursday) 8:30 am @ Library City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall</p>	5	6	<p>7 One on One Tech Help @ Library</p>	<p>8 CPR Class 8am @ FS 1 CERT Class - 8am Valentine Crafts 10:30am @ Library Mad Hatter Tea Party 2pm @ Library Little Sweethearts Dance 7pm @ RCC</p>
9	10	<p>11 Facebook Apps 10:30am & 7pm @ Library Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall</p>	12	<p>13 33rd Citizens Police Academy begins</p>	<p>14 One on One Tech Help @ Library</p> 	<p>15 CERT Class 8am</p>
16	17	<p>18 Browser Improvements 10:30am & 7pm @ Library City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall</p>	19	20	<p>21 One on One Tech Help @ Library</p>	22
23	24	<p>25 eBooks at the Library 10:30am & 7pm @ Library Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall</p>	26	27	<p>28 City Council Ballot Filing Deadline One on One Tech Help @ Library</p>	