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a monthly newsletter for the Rowlett community

Rowlett On the Move

Give Us Your 2¢ Rowlett!



Citizen input sought about the future of City services no longer sustainable at the current tax rate.

The programs and services provided to Rowlett citizens on a daily basis are outstanding. However, *this is the ninth (9th) straight year that Rowlett residents have paid the same tax rate. In fact, citizens are paying on average \$118 less in property taxes today than in 2007* for a much higher level of service than was offered at that time! This level of service is a testament to City employees, who truly make a difference in the lives of those we serve. And, it is a testament to the level of financial stewardship provided by your Mayor and City Council. Unfortunately, this level of service is no longer financially sustainable at the current tax rate and some realistic decisions must be made this year.

As we take the journey in the coming months to determine how to best implement our community's vision, the City Council and Rowlett citizens will angst over what is the right answer – higher taxes and fees or reduced services. We owe it to you, the citizens of Rowlett, to have an honest conversation about what our future looks like, and you will have that opportunity with the series of *Rowlett! My Community. My Money. My Choice* meetings coming in April.

Please take an hour to attend a meeting and *Give Us Your 2¢!*

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Fireworks on Main

SHEENA EASTON

80's Legend to Headline July 4 in Downtown Rowlett!

The City of Rowlett is excited to welcome Sheena Easton as the headline entertainment for the 2014 Fireworks on Main event on Friday, July 4, 2014. This *two-time Grammy Award winner* was the first artist to have top five records on five different Billboard charts and her recording career has produced both Gold and Platinum albums!

Her hits include the #1 song "*Morning Train (9 to 5)*", "*Strut*", "*For Your Eyes Only*" (theme from the James Bond film), "*You Got the Look*" duet with Prince and "*We've Got Tonight*" duet with Kenny Rogers. Sheena has also enjoyed a



successful acting career, appearing in episodes of *Miami Vice*, *The Highlander*, *Ghost Stories*, *Outer Limits* and more. She has left her mark on Broadway as well, starring in *Man of La Mancha* and *Grease*. Sheena has been busy with frequent appearances in Las Vegas; she's even been inducted into the Las Vegas Hall of Fame.

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For **\$2.73 per day**, less than the cost of a tall cappuccino, Rowlett citizens receive incredible value for their tax dollars. Unfortunately, these services are no longer sustainable at the current tax rate.



Police - .58¢ per day

Priority One calls are answered within **10 seconds** with emergency services dispatched within **45 seconds** to provide a **six minute response time**.

91.5% code enforcement compliance rate keeps Rowlett clean and helps protect home values.

The Animal Shelter has a **93.7% live release rate**, well above the national average of 30%.

26 Crime Watch partnerships keep neighborhoods safer.



Fire Rescue - .44¢ per day

Hazard mitigation strategies include annual fire inspections, pre-fire planning for existing homes and businesses, fire code enforcement and smoke detector checks. **10 outdoor sirens** provide advance warning in case of weather-related or other emergencies.

72 Firefighters working **24 hours** a day, **seven days** a week, **365 days a year** provide life and property saving services to the **57,000 citizens** in the **21 square mile** area that Rowlett encompasses.



Public Works - .24¢ per day

636 miles of street and alley infrastructure that support all facets of transportation is built, maintained and repaired, along with managing the **daily "24/7" safe and efficient movement of traffic** throughout the City.

255 miles of pipeline delivering **2.65 billion gallons** of clean and safe water to the community annually is built, maintained and repaired.



Parks and Recreation - .19¢ per day

30 current and future parks, trails and green spaces, including Paddle Point Park - #29 on the Texas Parks & Wildlife's Paddling Trail list and the American Heart Association designated Heart Healthy Trail in Pecan Grove Park.

Free year-round downtown special events.

Full-service fitness center and dozens of convenient classes at the **Community Centre**.



Library - .6¢ per day

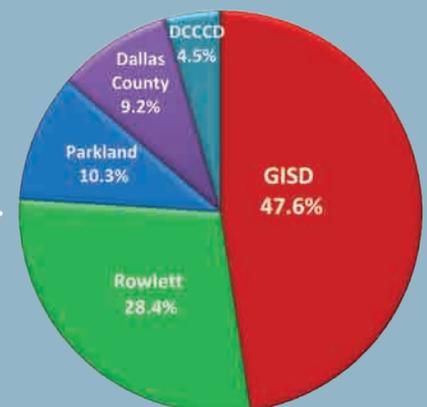
96,036 books, audiobooks, eBooks, DVD's, CD's, magazines and newspapers are available to borrow.

Promoting literacy through programming such as weekly storytimes and the **Summer Reading Program**, which had **2,000 participants** in 2013.

GED and English as a Second Language tutoring programs contribute to the **community's economic stability**, giving citizens the **tools necessary** to qualify for **employment opportunities**.

Did You Know?
Only **28.4%** of your property taxes go to the **City of Rowlett!**

Taxing Entity	FY2013 Tax Rate
GISD	\$1.2533
City of Rowlett	\$0.7471
Parkland Hospital	\$0.2710
Dallas County	\$0.2431
Dallas County Community College	\$0.1194



Rowlett has had the same tax rate for NINE years!

So, why is a change necessary now?

What's Wrong with Just Getting By?

As a community, Rowlett is now aging.

Subdivisions built in the 1990's now have infrastructure that needs significant repair. These repairs require funding for on-going maintenance, not currently funded in the tax rate.

Playgrounds built 20 – 30 years ago in the height of our growth cycle have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. Replacements of these playgrounds require funding, which is not currently funded in the tax rate.

Housing values continue to decline. This decline further exacerbates the continuing reduction in property tax revenue generated for ongoing operations and maintenance.



Thornhill alley



Herfurth Park

Rowlett residents are paying an average of \$118 LESS per year in property taxes today than just seven years ago!

So, How Did We Get Here?

There are several noteworthy events that have set in motion a chain reaction of sorts that has impacted the City's ability to deliver services at its current rate. These include:

1 Great Recession of 2007 – 2012

The global economy suffered what has become known as the Great Recession, the single biggest economic decline to impact the United States since the 1930's Great Depression. Rowlett felt the impact when property valuations started to decline in 2007, and continue to decline today, **resulting in a \$1.9 million annual reduction in property tax revenue** and necessitating further staff and program level reductions.

This was accomplished with no measurable decline in service to citizens, in order to avoid raising taxes. **The City of Rowlett's workforce is currently 373, about the same level as in 2004, a full decade ago.**



2 Lack of Housing Options

Market analysis has shown that the decline in Rowlett property valuations is being driven not only by the overall decline in national home prices, but the lack of diversity in housing options. **The only offering is a typical suburban house, all with similar home values.** The empty nesters or up and coming professionals, who want a choice, have to move elsewhere. Diversity of housing stock brings a level of stability so choices are offered as a part of Realize Rowlett 2020 and the adoption of form based codes.



So here is our dilemma, Rowlett.

If nothing changes between now and Fiscal Year 2015, what happens?

To what level will citizens tolerate raising taxes and fees?

If we do not diversify our development, we may not be able to stabilize or grow our tax base.

The vision of Realize Rowlett 2020 is important to help the City realize its potential and grow its tax base.



If we cut services and amenities - Who will build here? Who will move here? Who will visit here?

We are approaching the point where price sensitivity will cause citizens to resist any changes.

All services are at risk. We no longer have room for 'sacred cows'.

As we take the journey this year to determine what kind of community we want Rowlett to be, the City Council and Rowlett citizens will angst over what is the right answer – higher taxes and fees or a reduction in the services residents currently enjoy and have become used to. Rowlett cannot continue to “make-do” waiting for PGBT and DART Light-rail to arrive. They are now here and the ability to “bridge” the financial gap no longer exists. As a result, the City Council and you, the Rowlett citizen, now have to make strategic decisions to determine what our community’s future will be.

Unfortunately, even with some very exciting economic development projects on the horizon, the financial benefit to our community won’t be instant, it takes about three years for a city to begin to see property tax revenues from new development.

Consequently, we would need to begin approving projects in the coming year to see those revenues by Fiscal Year 2016.

Therefore, because economic conditions are likely to be challenging for the next couple of years or so, it is important to continue to make decisions utilizing a multi-year plan that addresses the City’s current and future needs and the ability to fund those decisions currently and in the future. To some extent, timing is critical – wait too long and we miss an important window of opportunity, strike too soon and the investment we make may fall flat.

The Rowlett, My Community, My Money, My Choice meetings are your opportunity to engage and provide feedback with these decisions.

It's time to have an honest conversation about what our future looks like.

We Need You!

Attend a meeting and offer your input...give us your 2¢!



Rowlett^{TX}



For more information visit Rowlett.com/MyRowlett

Questions? Email us! myrowlett@rowlett.com

Thursday, April 3
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Monday, April 7
Fire Station 1
3900 Miller Road
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 10
Fire Station 2
5100 Dalrock Road
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 17
Fire Station 3
8000 Princeton Road
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Monday, April 21
Fire Station 4
6800 Rowlett Road
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 24
City Hall
4000 Main Street
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.



80's legend to perform July 4 celebration!

In addition, 103.7 KVIL has come on board as a sponsor and will broadcast live from Downtown Rowlett on July 4. Attendance for this hometown celebration of our nation's freedom has increased steadily through the years with 8,000 residents and visitors in 2010 growing to 20,000 last year. The Fireworks on Main event also features lots of children's activities, your favorite fair foods and shopping opportunities from local vendors.



This is an exciting event for our Downtown businesses as based on a conservative formula, the City garners approximately \$7.50 in economic impact each from 70% of the attendees!

Thank you to the Downtown Event Series Sponsors:

- Lake Pointe Medical*
- Jason's Deli*
- Chick-fil-A*
- First Rowlett United Methodist Church*
- Waste Management*
- American National Bank of Texas*

Interested in sponsoring this iconic hometown holiday event?
Please contact Adam Richter at 972-463-3946 or via [email](#).

“We invite everyone from around the Metroplex to hop on DART Light Rail and take the ‘Morning Train’ to Rowlett! We anticipate that, with the caliber of entertainment booked this year, we will top 15,000 visitors!”

Jermel Stevenson, Rowlett Parks and Recreation Director

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEW FEATURES ADD SAFETY MEASURES FOR PARKGOERS

9-1-1 LOCATION SIGNS

New Trail Signs Assist Emergency Services to Pinpoint Locations for Faster Assistance!



Rowlett Parks and Recreation crews have begun installation of 9-1-1 location signs along the walking trails in Pecan Grove Park, the Rowlett Nature Trail, Springfield Park and

Community Park. Using the information on these signs, park guests calling 9-1-1 in an emergency situation are able to pinpoint their location as near as four feet. This is important as it could save precious minutes in a life or death situation. The 9-1-1 trail signs are color coded, numbered and have the initials of the park in which they are located. Each sign will be strategically placed on the trails and guests will see them as they walk, jog or bike.

For example, if a guest is walking on the trail at Springfield Park and experiences an emergency, they dial 9-1-1 and the dispatcher will ask them their location on the trail. The guest would respond with the letters and number of the closest or last sign they saw, which could be a sign that reads, “YOUR 9-1-1 LOCATION IS SF 11.” Dispatch will then be able to see on their map where help is needed, anywhere from between 4 to 150 feet, allowing emergency services to reach the guest more quickly.

This is a collaborative effort between the Police and Parks and Recreation Departments to enhance the already exemplary six-minute average emergency services response time Rowlett citizens currently enjoy!

LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

Early Warning System is a Proactive Lightning Protection Solution for Area Sports Leagues

Rowlett Youth Soccer Association and Rowlett Youth Baseball Association have partnered to invest in a Lightning Prediction System, which has been installed at Community Park.

Sensors predict the possible occurrence of lightning 8 – 20 minutes before it could potentially strike by continuously measuring atmospheric conditions within a 2.5 mile radius, analyzing the electrostatic field in the atmosphere.

A warning horn will sound with an uninterrupted 15-second blast and a strobe light will flash when there is the potential for a lightning strike within the coverage area. Once a threat is detected, the system continuously updates data about energy in the air 50 times per second to see if the atmosphere still retains the potential energy necessary for a lightning strike. The horn will sound three short four-second blasts and the strobe light will turn off when the threat has diminished. This horn signals that normal activity may resume.

The system will be disabled between the hours of 10:00pm and 8:00am as no sports leagues will be utilizing the fields during those hours. Signage will be placed in the park educating users about the system.

“Icemaggedon 2013” Update

Cleanup Costs Result in Refuse Fee Surcharge

\$3.02 MONTHLY SURCHARGE IN EFFECT MAY – SEPTEMBER

What happened?

The North Texas region experienced an extreme ice storm event the weekend of December 7-8, 2013. Damage from the ice storm was extensive across the City of Rowlett, including downed power lines and trees. In the aftermath of the

event, both City forces and Waste Management provided additional effort to collect the tree and brush debris from thoroughfares and residential neighborhoods.

Why did the City contract extra assistance?

The City’s contract with Waste Management allows them to provide additional services for an additional charge to the City for these types of cleanups. Starting in mid-December Waste Management scheduled additional crews specifically for storm debris cleanup on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

By mid-January, it became apparent that additional resources would have to be contracted

in order to expedite the cleanup effort and clear the massive amount of debris in a timely manner. At the City’s request, Waste Management engaged a tree and disaster relief service to facilitate this effort. The City also negotiated permission to dispose of this debris at the C.M. Hinton Landfill, owned by the City of Garland, at a competitive rate. This significantly reduced turnaround times for these cleanup crews, which cut costs exponentially.

How much did this cost?

The resultant costs to the City of Rowlett total **\$285,637**. This includes additional expenses for Waste Management’s efforts, the disaster relief

sub-contractor that worked from January 23 until February 3, and the C.M. Hinton landfill charges.

Why are the citizens being asked to cover this cost, why aren’t tax dollars being utilized?

This was an unbudgeted expense. The Refuse Fund exists primarily to collect fees from customers and disburse funds to Waste Management. The rate paid by Rowlett citizens is calculated to cover the cost of this service and provides a nominal amount for street and alley repair. The rate does not take into consideration the expenses for this type of extreme event.

The City Council considered three options:

First, a transfer from the General Fund could be made to the Refuse Fund to pay for these expenses. However, this would impact reserve levels and could possibly reduce reserves below the 13% required by City policy. That would necessitate a review of the operating budget and cuts to other operations in the General Fund to keep reserves at the required level. The City Council decided against this option.

A second option would be to reduce the amount of funds transferred for street and alley repairs. The City Council considered this; however, given the current state of many of the City’s alleys, decided against this option.

The third option considered was the surcharge. The City Council reached consensus that this was the best option to make sure the Refuse Fund remained solvent.

How did the City come up with a \$3.02 surcharge for the next five months?

The expense occurred in Fiscal Year 2014. It is prudent financial practice that the amount be collected in the same fiscal year to offset the expense. The total amount paid to Waste Management for debris removal and disposal is

\$285,637. Based on 18,909 refuse customers, that equates to \$15.10 per customer. There are five months remaining in the fiscal year to bill the surcharge, or \$3.02 per month.

How will customers be billed?

Starting with the City utility bill in May, customers will see a separate line item on their bill regarding the FY 2014 Storm Cleanup Surcharge.

The City Council directed staff to include this on the utility bills for May through September of 2014. The surcharge will expire in October.



Once Every Two Week Landscape Watering *in Effect Through AT LEAST April 30!*



North Texas Municipal Water District Continues Stage 3 Water Restrictions

DROUGHT CONDITIONS CONTINUE RESULTING IN CRITICALLY LOW LAKE LEVELS

The City of Rowlett is a customer city of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), meaning the City purchases its water from the District and is subject to their implementation of water restrictions and the rules each level brings. Last April, the NTMWD Board of Directors voted to implement Stage 3 of its Drought Plan, and we remain there today due to below average rainfall and low lake levels.

The goal of Stage 3 is a 10% reduction in water use and increased awareness in ongoing water conservation efforts.

As of March 25, Lake Lavon was only 48.4% full. Lake Chapman, another NTMWD water source, was down to 32% full. In addition, the water district still cannot use water from Lake Texoma due to the presence of invasive zebra mussels. Lake Texoma normally provides 28% of NTMWD's total raw water supply.

A new pipeline is being constructed to transport water from Lake Texoma directly to the Wylie water treatment plant, bypassing Lake Lavon, but the first phase of that project will not be online until June of this year.

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.

WHEN CAN I WATER?

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.

APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		NO WATERING					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		NO WATERING					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5	
27	28	29	30				
		NO WATERING					
					Watering Day: Use Last Digit in Address		



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

IT'S A FACT:

Only 4% of Registered Voters in Rowlett voted in the last local election

City Council Elections

Offices up for Election:
Place One
Place Three
Place Five



The City of Rowlett elects its Councilmembers on the uniform election date in May, this year that will be Saturday, May 10. For this election, there will be three positions on the ballot: Councilmember Place One, Councilmember Place Three and Councilmember Place Five. Are you a registered voter? If not, voter registrations must be received no later than April 10 in order to vote in this election.

Why vote?

96 percent of registered voters in Rowlett did NOT vote in the last local election. Ask yourself: Did my water turn on this morning? Did my trash get picked up today? Can I get to work driving on a road that is not chock full of potholes? Will someone

put out the fire if my or my neighbor's house catches on fire? Will someone apprehend the suspicious person lurking in the alley?

Those questions are all answered by your city elected officials. The City Council are the officials who set the property tax rate, which allows for the budget that provides for water and sewer services, street department staff and materials, public safety staff and training. The Council also approves the trash collection and mowing contracts that ensure Rowlett is a beautiful community. The Council determines the allocations that provide for the services that happen without you having to think about it. These are the things that affect you daily.

Early Voting - April 28 through May 6
Election Day - Saturday, May 10

Officers Receive Police Lifesaving Award



On Tuesday, March 4, Officers Ryan Doherty (l) and Edgar Borusqueta (r) were awarded the Police Lifesaving Award by Chief Mike Brodnax at the City Council Meeting. On January 5, both Officers had a direct impact on saving the life of a citizen who was attempting to commit grievous bodily injury to himself. Without the Officers' fast thinking and immediate actions, the situation might have come to a very different and tragic conclusion. Congratulations on a job well done!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 12

10:00 A.M. - Noon

Main Street

Free!



Kids, grab your Easter basket and hippity-hop on over to hunt for 20,000 treat-filled Easter eggs! Enjoy face painting, bounce houses, music, photos with the Easter Bunny and much more.

Dress up your stroller or wagon for the Best Decorated contest.

The hunt is divided by age group so everyone has a chance to get as many eggs as their baskets can hold!

Pup-a-Palooza!

Sunday, April 13

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Herfurth Park

\$10 per dog

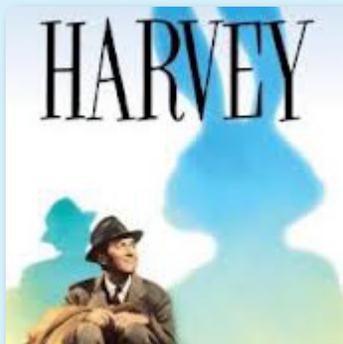


This is an Easter egg hunt for dogs of all sizes. There will be fun games and awesome prizes.

Dress your dog up as someone famous for the chance to win “Best Look-a-like Contest” or in a hat to win the “Best Bonnet” contest.

Please remember to bring an Easter basket, leash and proof of rabies vaccination.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES



Silver Cinema

Monday, April 7-

“Harvey”

2:00 P.M.

Rowlett Library

Relive the glitz and glamour that was the Golden Age of Hollywood with this series of free, monthly showings of classic, old

Hollywood productions. Free popcorn, too!



Senior Computer Class

Intro to Word & Excel

Tuesday thru Thursday

April 1-3

8:30 A.M.

Rowlett Library

The library offers free computer classes for Rowlett Seniors in

conjunction with the Rowlett Senior Advisory Board. This class is limited to 18 participants. Call 972-412-6161 to register.



Senior Trip - Federal Reserve of Dallas

Thursday, April 11

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

\$10

Enjoy interactive exhibits and multimedia displays while you

learn about the Federal Reserve, money and the economy. Call 972-412-6170 for reservations.



Senior Health Fair

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Rowlett Community Centre

Free annual event presented by the Senior Advisory Board features door prizes and free screenings plus over 40 vendors, all with a focus on senior health.

These may include home health care, retirement communities, doctors, pharmacies, and specialty organizations with the latest information on different diseases.

City Volunteer Organization Hosts Two Clean-up Events in April

Keep Rowlett Beautiful

Reuse, Recycle and Clean-up!

Lakeside Park Community Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 5

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Calling all families, scout troops, church groups, friends and neighbors! Come on out to Lakeside Park for a volunteer cleanup day and make a difference in YOUR community! Help spruce up this beautiful park located right on Lake Ray Hubbard. Trash pickup, shoreline planting and playground improvements are just a few of the projects taking place on this day, co-hosted by the City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department

and Keep Rowlett Beautiful. The event will culminate in a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at The Wet Zone with prize drawings. Grand prize is a 12' Jackson kayak donated by Kayak Instruction Foundation! Call 972 463-3929 or email info@keeprowlettbeautiful.org for more information.

Electronics Recycling Roundup

Saturday, April 12

9:00 A.M. – Noon.

The Home Depot parking lot



Get rid of the e-waste cluttering up your home!

“E-waste “ is defined as any electronic equipment that has reached its “end-of-life” or “end-of-usage,” whether in working or non-working condition. The following items will be accepted for re-use, recycle or disposal: Monitors, TV’s, Computers, Laptops, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Faxes, Servers, Main Frames, Hard Drives, Circuit Boards, Cell Phones, Corded Phones, Stereos, DVD Players, batteries of any type, ink and toner cartridges and other consumer electronics. Small household appliances including Microwaves, Blenders, Shavers and other similar items will also be accepted. Almost anything that runs on electricity! This event also includes FREE document shredding! Email info@keeprowlettbeautiful.org or call 972-463-3929 for more information.

KEEP ROWLETT BEAUTIFUL

Community Beautification Partner Receives Prestigious State Environmental Award and \$250,000 Grant!

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) has recognized Keep Rowlett Beautiful as one of 10 winners of the 2014 Governor’s Community Achievement Awards for outstanding community improvement. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. The winners will share \$2 million in landscape funding from the Texas Department of Transportation; **Rowlett will receive \$250,000 for a landscaping project along SH 66 (Lakeview Parkway).**

Communities submitted materials to one of 10 population categories and judges chose the winners based on their achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas: community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, litter law and illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and community improvement, and solid waste management.

Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB), submitted the application on behalf of Rowlett, but this is an award that the entire City can be proud of.

Community improvement project information and statistics were provided by KRB, the City of Rowlett, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Fire departments, Boy and Girl Scouts, churches, civic organizations, businesses and schools.

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities since 1969, with TxDOT providing landscaping awards since 1985. **Rowlett will receive its award on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 in Austin, Texas during KTB’s 47th Annual Conference.**



KRB, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, and Keep America Beautiful, was established in 1996 with a vision to educate and energize our community to keep Rowlett clean and green. KRB hosts free city-wide parks, streets, and lakeshore cleanups twice a year, in addition to electronics recycling/document shredding events. Scholarships and beautification grants are just a few of the programs that they offer to the Rowlett community. To volunteer, check event schedules, or make a donation to KRB, visit www.keeprowlettbeautiful.org.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Kid Fish Outdoor Extravaganza

Saturday, April 26
9:00 A.M. - Noon
Community Park
8500 St. Andrews

The pond at Community Park will be generously stocked with 500 pounds of catfish prior to

this FREE event sponsored by the [Texas Junior Anglers](#). The Kid Fish event is designed to promote the sport of fishing to our youth. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners in three age divisions. It is recommended that families bring their own fishing equipment however TJA will provide loaner rods, reels, bait and tackle to those who need them.



Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, April 26
1:30 P.M.
Community Park
8500 St. Andrews

8-13 years (Youth)
14 and up (Adult)
The first-ever Rowlett Cardboard Boat Regatta is open to participants

ages 8 and up. Teams will construct boats from cardboard and race them across the Community Park pond. This is the perfect “team-building” opportunity for schools, sports teams, scout organizations, churches and local businesses! Prizes will be awarded in both age categories.

Prizes will also be awarded for the following contests:
Best Construction Technique Award
Best Decorated Boat
The Titanic Award – for the most spectacular sinking



National Prescription Take Back Day

Saturday, April 26
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Rowlett Community Centre

The Rowlett Police Department is participating in the National Take Back Day, a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation’s medicine cabinets. A national take-back day provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...COMING UP IN MAY!



Memorial Day/Touch-a-Truck Celebration

Saturday, May 24
Main Street
10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family to downtown Rowlett to as we celebrate Memorial Day and honor our fallen military heroes. The event begins with the Memorial Day ceremony at 10:00 A.M. in Veterans Park, adjacent to the Library at 3900 Main Street, honoring the men and women who gave their lives to preserve our freedom. The Rowlett Police and Fire Honor Guard will present the flag ceremony and the Rowlett Fire Fighters Emerald Society Pipes and Drums will perform.

Following the ceremony, the event continues with ‘Touch-A-Truck’, a fun and educational opportunity for children of all ages to touch, climb on, in and explore vehicles of all sizes. Featured will be a DART bus, Careflite Ambulance, School bus, Dump Truck, Front End Loader, Tractor Trailer, Fire Truck, Rowlett Ambulance, Police Car, Motorcycle and SWAT vehicle, Police Command Post, VIPS unit, Mowers, Tractor, Trash Truck, Tow Truck and more! There will also be bounce houses, crafts and face painting as well as other kid’s activities.

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.

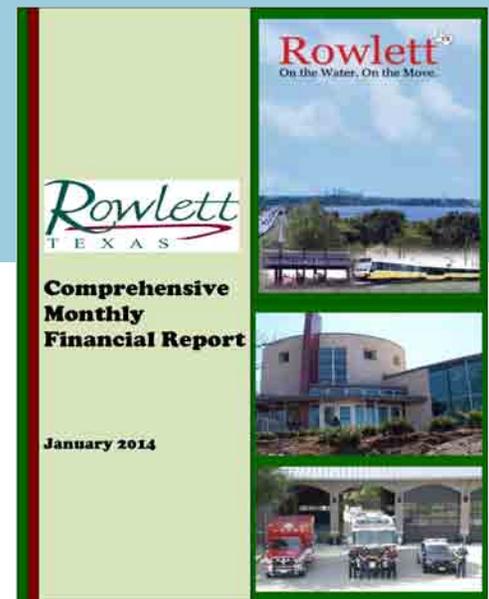
This report is prepared in a way as to provide financially relevant information that is easy to read and understand. Staff uses a forecasting model based on historical data in order to provide a framework for comparing projected performance to actual performance.

"The net surplus from operations is \$16.4 million. This is \$1.8 million better than expected at this point in the year. The figures for January continue to project a positive trend so far this fiscal year!"

*Alan Guard
Director of Financial Services*

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 we projected we would be at this time of 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 report provided to Council in March includes financial information through January. We are now more than one third through our fiscal year.



On the revenue side of the equation, overall, the City has earned or received \$38.4 million for all funds in Fiscal Year 2014. This amount is 47.2% of the approved operating budget of \$81.4 million and is **2.2% higher** than the forecast projected through the month of January!

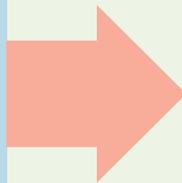
Expenditures have totaled \$22 million for FY 2014. This amount is 26.6% of the approved operating budget of \$82.7 million and is **4.3% lower** than forecast through the fourth month of the fiscal year.

View the [January Financial Report](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Sales Tax

An important indicator of financial health for the community.



Sales Tax

16% of General Fund Revenue

One of the top three sources of funding for general City operations, along with Franchise Fees and Property Taxes.

\$5.4 Million

FY 2014 projection for Sales Tax

1% of 8.25% Total Sales Tax in Rowlett goes to the City

The State's share is 6.25% with 1% going to the City of Rowlett and 1% going to Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Retail businesses collect sales tax and remit it to the State Comptroller's Office. The State Comptroller's Office then sends a check to the City of Rowlett for its share of the sales tax.

Sales Tax revenues are running 0.3% higher than projected through the month of January with collections totaling \$1,807,360

Because of a 60 day lag in the Comptroller's Office, the monthly report will always include an estimate for the current month.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR! at the Rowlett Library

Saturday Movie and Popcorn: *The Princess & the Frog*

Saturday, April 5

10:30 A.M.

Calling all princesses and frogs! Wear your best costume and enjoy the story of a hardworking waitress named Tiana who dreams of owning her own restaurant. After kissing a prince who has been turned into a frog by an evil witch doctor, Tiana becomes a frog herself, and must find a way to turn back into a human before it is too late.

Quack, Hop, Read!

Saturday, April 12

10:00 A.M. - Noon

Put on your bunny ears and join the fun...hop on in to the Rowlett Public Library for photos with Dewey Duck, a library-themed scavenger hunt with prize eggs and a special holiday craft. Held in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt.



Gardening with Gary

Saturday, April 26

2:00 P.M.

A class for the beginner as well as the seasoned gardener, taught by Gary Sandhoff, professional landscaper/irrigator/water auditor and lifetime home gardener. The class will cover soil structure, composting, irrigation, seed germination and the most commonly found insects in the vegetable garden. Also learn about self-watering pots and how to set up rain barrels for harvesting rain water, great information considering our current drought conditions!



STORY TIME!

The Young & the Restless Baby Story Time

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

For babies up to age 2

April 7 – The Best Pet

April 14 – Hop, Bunny, Hop

April 21 – Peek at Baby

April 28 – Play With Me

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.

Ages 18 months to 3 years

April 2 – Super Silly

April 9 – In the Garden

April 16 – Easter Time

April 23 – Shapes Are Fun

April 30 – Dinosaurs Galore

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

Shake, Rattle and Read Preschool Story Time

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

For children 3 years of age and older

April 4 – My Colorful World

April 11 – Itsy Bitsy Mice

April 18 – A Big Bunny

April 25 – Snail Trail

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

Prime Time Book Club

Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

April 3 – Dr. Seuss

April 10 – Horrible Harry

April 17 – Franny K. Stein

April 24 – The Stories Julian Tells

With books selected specifically for school-age children, this club for kids in grades 1-5 introduces new authors and genres to facilitate independent reading and creates opportunities for discussion and interaction.

Pajama Story Time

Thursday, April 17

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!



Summer is fast approaching, so here are some apps that can assist with weight loss, fitness and meeting those healthy goals!

Some apps are designed to help you plan and calorie count meals. The tracker from *MyFitnessPal* allows you to search for foods, or scan them using packaging barcodes. The app has an enormous database of foods and their nutrition information, so keeping track of your calories throughout the day becomes a simple matter of entering food into the app. It doesn't just track calories, though; most entries in the food database have other nutritional information as well. There is also an exercise log so you can really stay on top of a healthy lifestyle. Another app that works the same way is *Loseit*. Like *MyFitnessPal*, *Loseit* has a web interface and apps for both Android and IOS devices. Don't like these? Poke around your device's app store and you just may find one that works better for you.

Phil's Technology Corner

Apps for Fitness & Weight Loss!

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

Other apps help you plan and keep track of an effective exercise routine. *Fitocracy* tracks your workout time, along with the type of exercise. As with *MyFitnessPal*, it also has a community feature. Users share diet and workout tips and offer each other support, accountability and motivation when you need it!

Fitsby is another app based around social interaction. Form a group of friends, then everyone wagers a certain amount. Whoever spends the most time exercising for the week gets the pot. The point is to motivate each other through competition, money does not have to actually change hands so bragging rights work just as well!

The *Sworakit Pro* app will design workouts for home or gym. There are a variety of cardio, strength, and stretching exercises to target different areas of your body. Got 20 minutes to workout before work but aren't sure what to do? *Sworakit* will offer guidance.

GAIN Fitness is a more comprehensive

option to *Sworakit*. Described as "digital personal training," it will build a workout plan based off your body, goals and lifestyle. The main IOS app is free, but there is a charge for additional types of workouts.

Turn exercise into a game and make it fun for another way to stay on track. *Zombies, Run!* is a program you listen to while running. It combines a music playlist chosen by you with pieces of storyline that take place in a world overrun by zombies. Listen for the zombies chasing you throughout your run, if they catch you the game ends. If zombies and running aren't your thing, *The Walk* is another audio drama. Unlock each section of the story by meeting the different walking requirements.

This is just a small sampling of the apps available; they are all either free or less than \$5. There are certainly more expensive and comprehensive options available. Find one that gives you that boost of motivation, or makes your fitness routine a little more fun so you'll stick with it!

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!

Set Up a Home Network

Tuesday, April 1
10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Although this can be a little tricky, these days software built in to Windows and home routers do most of the heavy lifting!

Twitter

Tuesday, April 8
10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Learn about this popular microblogging social network.

RSS Feeds

Tuesday, April 15
10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

RSS feeds centralize your news and info content in one place.

eBooks at the Library

Tuesday, April 22
10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Check out eBooks from the library with a service called Overdrive. Come learn how to access and use it!

Intro to Computers

Tuesday, April 29
10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Come learn the absolute basics of using a computer, including its parts and basic Windows navigation.

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

Activities for the Whole Family!

Skyhawks Soccer

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Ages 6-12, \$60

Skyhawks was founded as a soccer club in 1979. Over 30 years later, it's still the number one choice for parents looking to introduce their children to the fundamentals of the world's most popular sport. Designed for beginner and intermediate players, this camp focuses on dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. Using a progression-oriented curriculum, young athletes gain technical skills and knowledge to up their game.

Skyhawks Track and Field

April 2 – 25

Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Ages 3-5, \$120

Skyhawks Track and Field was developed to introduce young athletes to this sport rich in tradition and history. These programs combine technical development and fundamental techniques with a major focus on fun! Using special equipment, exercises and drills that prepare athletes for a future in cross-country, track and field events, and distance running are taught, while inspiring a love for running and staying active. The fundamentals of body positioning, stride, proper stretching, and cool-down techniques are covered in this unique program. Participants will put it all together for one fun-filled day at the end of the program at the Skyhawks track meet!

Summer Youth Basketball League

Register April 1 – May 18

Coed divisions for ages under 6-8

Boys divisions for ages under 10-14

Sign up your budding b-ball star for this great learning opportunity or keep skills tight in your older players during summer break.

Eight game season begins June 14, played on Saturdays.

Hey Parents: Volunteer Coaches are needed!!

Call 972-412-6170 for information!

Skyhawks Softball and Baseball

Fridays

5:30 – 6:30 P.M. (Softball)

6:45 – 7:45 P.M. (Baseball)

Ages 7-12, \$60

Skyhawks Baseball takes the rich history of the game from Cooperstown to our town! A progression-oriented curriculum teaches the fundamentals of fielding, catching, throwing, hitting and base running. Specifically designed for the beginner and intermediate players, this camp teaches all athletes new baseball skills along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and responsibility. Participants come away with new friends, new skills, and a love for the game!

Summer is
Coming!

GET FIT AND KEEP THE KIDS ACTIVE,
ENTERTAINED AND OFF THE COUCH!



Shape up with classes at the Rowlett Community Centre this spring!

Pilates

Strengthen, tighten and tone the entire body. Combining strength training with weights allows this revolutionary new Pilates plan to rev the metabolism and burn 400-500 calories in a one hour session. Register by the month, half month or drop-in-daily.

Bokwa

This new dance fitness class is fun for all ages and athletic levels. Draw letters and numbers on the floor while moving to the latest music. Sweat the alphabet and draw the digits. If you can move and spell, you can BOKWA!

Other fitness classes at the RCC include...

Spin

Jazzercise

Yogalates

BodyWorks

Zumba

Personal Training by Paramount

Wet Zone Season Passes on Sale Now!

Get Ready to "Beat the Heat"
Opening Day is May 17

Summer vacation will soon be upon us...and there's a very affordable option for summer fun right here in your hometown! Stop by the Community Centre to pick up your season passes!

Standard Pass

Rowlett Resident - \$40

Non-Resident - \$50

Gold Pass

Park Entry, 10% discount off Food & Beverage, Retail, and Lockers.

Resident - \$50

Non Resident - \$60

Platinum Pass

Park Entry, 25% discount off Food & Beverage, Retail, Water Wars, Cabana Rental, and Free Season Locker Rental.

Resident - \$80

Non-Resident - \$90



YOUTH AND TEEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Rowlett Police Department's School Resource Officers are pleased to announce the second annual Rowlett Summer Youth and Teen Police Academies. These officers have developed one and two week Youth and Teen Police Academies to create better understanding and communication between young citizens and the police department, providing positive interaction with police officers while educating our community's youth. These academies will not only enhance the student's knowledge of law enforcement, but will also offer a way for kids interested in law enforcement as a future career choice to learn more about what it takes to be an officer.

The academies are free include lunch every day, AND a free trip to the Wet Zone on the last day of each session. They are available to students who live and attend school in Rowlett and consist of the following curriculum:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Swat | Internet Safety |
| Crime Scene Investigation | Gun Range & Weapon Safety |
| Criminal Investigations | Defensive Tactics |
| Patrol | Bicycle Patrol |
| Community Services | Jail |
| Negotiating | Dispatch |
| Driving While Impaired/Traffic | Drug and Alcohol Recognition |
| Pursuit Driving | Penal law |
| Building Searches | Use of Force |



Age Divisions & Dates

YOUTH STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 4-6

JUNE 16 – 20
 JULY 14 – 18
 JULY 21 – 25
 AUGUST 4 – 8

YOUTH & TEEN ACADEMIES BOTH RUN 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY

TEEN STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 7-11

JUNE 23 – 27
 JULY 28 – AUGUST 1

Register by May 9

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OFFICER BRANDON HERRING VIA [EMAIL](#)

CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP

GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!

Spring Cleaning often results in a garage sale - here are the City's garage sale ordinances to assist citizens in conducting a successful event!



1 No permit is required for garage sales, although only three sales in a twelve month period are allowed.

2 Sales are limited to personal property only. No merchandise acquired solely for the purpose of resale may be included.

3 Sales may last up to 3 consecutive days.

4 Garage sale signs may be placed on personal property only.

5 Garage sale signs may not be placed on public property. Public property includes street or road right-of-ways, which is normally between the utility poles and street curbs or between fences and street curbs. Signs are also prohibited in medians and on trees and utility poles.

6 If garage sale signs are found in violation, they will be removed and discarded at no liability to the City of Rowlett.

7 Please remove all signs within 48 hours after the sale has ended.

For more information, please contact Rowlett Code Enforcement at 972-412-6283 or visit the [Garage Sale Information](#) page of [www.rowlett.com](#)

Clothes Dryer Safety

Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner Offers Some Important Home Safety Advice

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety precautions, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use your dryer without a lint filter.
- Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove the lint that has collected around the drum.
- Use only rigid or flexible metal venting material, which will sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Once a year, or more often if the time it takes for clothes to dry increases, clean the lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload the dryer.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then they can be washed and dried as usual.



In 2010, an estimated 16,800 fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines resulted in 51 deaths, 380 injuries and \$236 million in property damage.

Clothes dryers accounted for 92% of the fires so please take a few moments to ensure YOURS is operating safely!

National Fire Protection Agency FACT

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.
For more information, [email](#) or call Fire Marshal Beckner at 972-463-3940.

Online Crime

Tips to help *you* avoid online identity theft and credit card fraud!

With the Internet continuously growing, the opportunity for online crime increases as well. Computer crimes are some of the fastest growing crimes in America, so Community Services

Officer Chad Caldwell offers a few helpful tips that will help *you* prevent becoming a victim.

K **Keep Personal and Password Hint Information Confidential!**

Private information should stay just that...private! This includes:

- Credit Card Account Numbers
- Social Security Numbers
- Mother's Maiden Name
- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth

C **arry only the credit and ID cards you need... leave the rest at home!**

Other credit protection precautions include:

- Sign credit cards
- Do not carry your social security card with you.
- Do not give personal information or account numbers to anyone without verifying their identity.

C **heck your credit report often!**

Credit monitoring services (Equifax Credit Watch, Credit Check Monitoring Service, etc.) monitor credit daily and alert subscribers to changes that can be an early warning of identity theft, such as new account openings or address changes.

For more information on identity theft prevention, [email](#) or call Officer Caldwell at 972-412-6242.

Construction Corner

Public Works Update



Elm Grove Sewer Lateral Rehabilitation

City crews have returned to Elm Grove Road to complete the sewer lateral rehabilitation necessary before the road can be repaved. There are a total of 24 service lines that need to be removed and rerouted in order to provide proper clearance for the water main running along Elm Grove. Replacing these failed services will help ensure the road surface maintains integrity for a more prolonged period than previously experienced.



Main Street Downtown Project Sustainability Grant Update

The Silva Cell structural concrete component of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Downtown Sustainability Grant project is underway. This technology will allow healthy growth and maintenance of street trees for years to come!

What is Silva Cell? It is a modular suspended pavement system that holds unlimited amounts of lightly compacted soil while supporting traffic loads beneath paving. The healthy soil housed within the Silva Cell serves two important functions: growing large trees and treating stormwater onsite!



Coyle Street Closure

Coyle Street from Main Street to east of Martin Drive will be closed to traffic beginning Friday, March 14 at 9:00AM until Thursday, April 17, 2014.

This closure is to complete various street and sidewalk improvements associated with the Main Street Downtown Project.

Here's Where Your Money Goes!

Update on how the City is utilizing the additional \$2 million annual funding for Capital Maintenance gained from the October, 2012, water rate increase.

Westside Lift Station

As we've discussed before, the Westside Sewer Lift Station was in dire need of attention due to years of service under extreme conditions. Hydrogen Sulfide gasses had almost completely deteriorated the concrete wet wells, which were rehabilitated a couple of years ago bringing them back to like-new condition. It is now time to address some other areas of the station that have suffered over time.

The existing configuration of the station's walking surfaces presented safety hazards to staff, as it was uneven and filled with holes and broken concrete. These safety hazards will be alleviated by leveling areas and installing concrete, providing a solid work area to

perform service and maintenance to pumps.

A new electrical control panel is being installed to replace the badly corroded original unit. This will significantly reduce the amount of electrical failures and service interruptions to the station. The panel will contain an updated version of the monitoring equipment, which replaces the existing outdated set up. The new system allows full remote control capabilities and improved monitoring of the liquid flows and pump activity.

Below the surface, new pumps are being installed to replace the existing pumps, which have far outlived their useful life. Since at least 70% of the wastewater in the entire city travels through Westside on its way to



the Garland treatment plant, it is extremely important for these pumps to operate at their full capabilities.

All of these efforts combined will help ensure that the Westside Lift Station continues to function efficiently through many, many more years of operation and provide the highest level of service with the least amount of disruption to *OUR* community.

Rowlett

City Calendar

April

		1 Senior Computer Class - Intro to Word & Excel (thru Thursday) 8:30 am @ Library Home Networking 10:30am & 2pm @ Library City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	2	3 My Rowlett meeting 7pm @ RCC	4 One on One Tech Help @ Library	5 Free Movie & Popcorn: <i>The Princess & the Frog</i> 10:30am @ Library Lakeside Park Cleanup Day 9am @ Lakeside Park
6	7 My Rowlett meeting 7pm @ Fire Station 1	8 Twitter 10:30am & 2pm @ Library Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	9	10 My Rowlett meeting 7pm @ Fire Station 2	11 One on One Tech Help @ Library	12 Easter Egg Hunt 10am @ Main Street Electronic Recycling 9am-2pm @ Home Depot Quack, Hop Read 10am @ Library
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