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MY COMMUNITY MY MONEY MY CHOICE

Throughout April, the City held a series of meetings and conducted an online survey to solicit citizen input on financial issues now facing our community.

Rowlett residents have gone nine straight years without a property tax increase and the issue now facing the community is one of financial sustainability. The City can no longer provide the level of service residents currently enjoy, so this campaign solicited citizen input on whether a property tax increase OR a cut in current services is preferable. 164 residents attended in person and 103 took the survey online.



These survey results were presented to the City Council on June 10.

The City will hold a number of public meetings this summer allowing citizens to further voice their opinions. For example, the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 (FY2015) Budget will be submitted to the City Council at their regular meeting on August 5. They will then hold three scheduled work sessions to discuss this budget, and two public hearings on August 19 and September 2, before it is formally adopted.

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Construction on the first new neighborhood utilizing Form Based Codes is underway.

THE HOMESTEAD AT LIBERTY GROVE

The City hosted a groundbreaking event on June 26 to celebrate this exciting development, which will create a neighborhood offering a variety of homes vastly different from the current housing stock!

Located in the northeast quadrant of the City, on Liberty Grove Road near Princeton Road, this new Rowlett neighborhood will be developed by Arcadia in partnership with homebuilders Cambridge Homes and David Weekley Homes.



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ROWLETT: MY COMMUNITY, MY MONEY, MY CHOICE *Survey Results*

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MY COMMUNITY



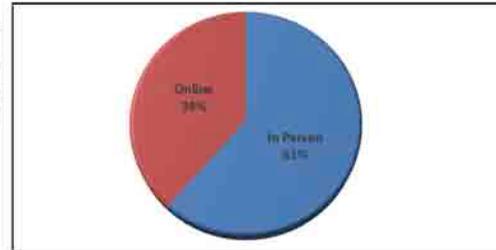
MY MONEY



MY CHOICE

Number of respondents in person
Number of respondents online
Total respondents

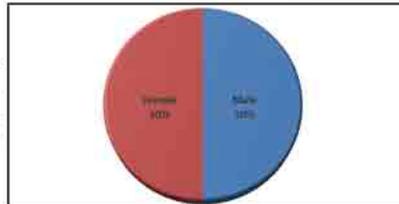
Responses	
Count	% of Total
164	61.4%
103	38.6%
267	100.0%



Question 1: Please select your gender.

Description
1. Male
2. Female
Total

Responses	
Count	% of Total
131	50.0%
131	50.0%
262	100.0%

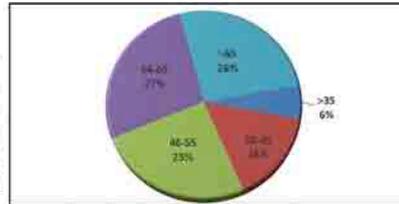


1 Please select your gender.

Question 2: Please select your age.

Description
1. Under 35 years
2. 36-45 years
3. 46-55 years
4. 56-65 years
5. Over 65 years
Total

Responses	
Count	% of Total
15	5.8%
40	15.5%
65	25.2%
70	27.1%
68	26.4%
258	100.0%

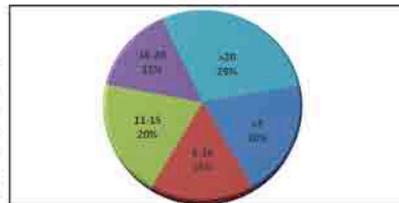


2 Please select your age range.

Question 3: How long have you lived in Rowlett?

Description
1. Under 5 years
2. 5-10 years
3. 11-15 years
4. 16-20 years
5. Over 20 years
Total

Responses	
Count	% of Total
51	19.6%
43	16.5%
51	19.6%
39	15.0%
76	29.2%
260	100.0%

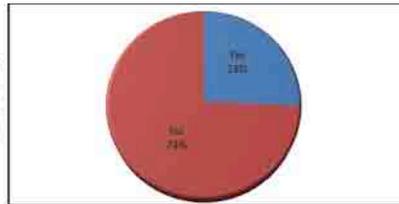


3 How long have you lived in Rowlett?

Question 4: Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

Description
1. Yes
2. No
Total

Responses	
Count	% of Total
67	25.8%
193	74.2%
260	100.0%

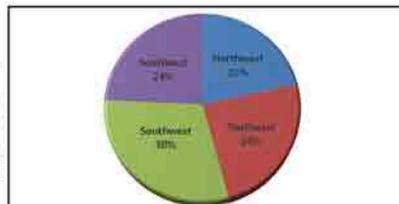


4 Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

Question 5: Please select the area of the City in which you live

Description
1. Northwest Rowlett
2. Northeast Rowlett
3. Southwest Rowlett
4. Southeast Rowlett
Total

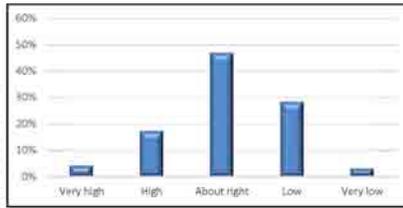
Responses	
Count	% of Total
56	21.5%
63	24.2%
78	30.0%
63	24.2%
260	100.0%



5 In what area of the City do you live?

Question 6: As stated previously, the average Rowlett homeowner paid \$997 in property taxes. Based on what you heard today, would you say the taxes you paid were...

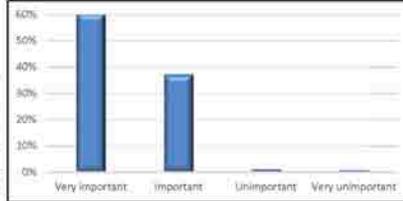
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very high	11	4.3%
2. High	45	17.4%
3. About right	121	46.9%
4. Low	73	28.3%
5. Very low	8	3.1%
Total	258	100.0%



6 The average Rowlett homeowner paid \$997 in property taxes. Based on what you heard today, would you say that is...

Question 7: How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to properly maintain your streets and roadways?

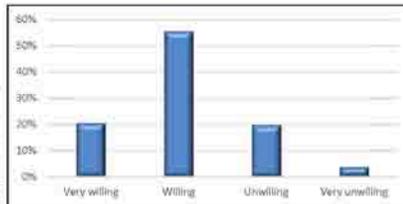
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very important	156	60.7%
2. Important	96	37.4%
3. Unimportant	3	1.2%
4. Very unimportant	2	0.8%
Total	257	100.0%



7 How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to properly maintain your streets and roadways?

Question 8: How willing or unwilling are you to pay additional property taxes to ensure that the City can properly maintain your streets and roadways?

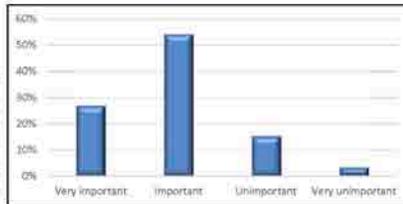
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very willing	53	20.6%
2. Willing	143	55.6%
3. Unwilling	51	19.8%
4. Very unwilling	10	3.9%
Total	257	100.0%



8 How willing or unwilling are you to pay additional property taxes to ensure that the City can properly maintain your streets and roadways?

Question 9: How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to properly maintain your parks and amenities?

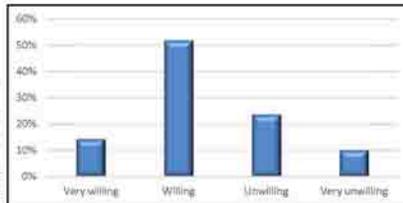
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very important	70	26.9%
2. Important	141	54.2%
3. Unimportant	40	15.4%
4. Very unimportant	9	3.5%
Total	260	100.0%



9 How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to properly maintain your parks and amenities?

Question 10: How willing or unwilling are you to pay additional property taxes to ensure that the City can properly maintain your parks and amenities?

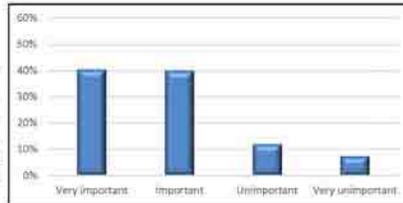
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very willing	37	14.3%
2. Willing	134	51.9%
3. Unwilling	61	23.6%
4. Very unwilling	26	10.1%
Total	258	100.0%



10 How willing or unwilling are you to pay additional property taxes to ensure that the City can properly maintain your parks and amenities?

Question 11: How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to have a public library?

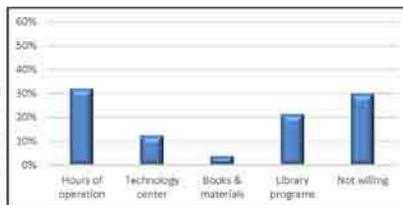
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Very important	104	40.5%
2. Important	103	40.1%
3. Unimportant	31	12.1%
4. Very unimportant	19	7.4%
Total	257	100.0%



11 How important or unimportant do you think it is for the City to have a public library?

Question 12: If it is necessary for the City to reduce library services to balance the budget, in which ONE area would you prefer reductions be made?

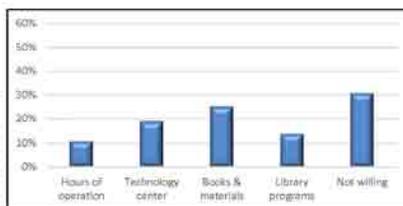
Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Hours of operation	82	32.0%
2. Technology center	32	12.5%
3. Books & materials	10	3.9%
4. Library programs	55	21.5%
5. Not willing to reduce services at all	77	30.1%
Total	256	100.0%



12 If it is necessary for the City to reduce library services to balance the budget, in which ONE area would you prefer reductions be made?

Question 13: If it is necessary for the City to increase property taxes to support library services, to which ONE area would you prefer to see the additional funding go?

Description	Responses	
	Count	% of Total
1. Hours of operation	28	10.9%
2. Technology center	49	19.1%
3. Books & materials	65	25.3%
4. Library programs	36	14.0%
5. Not willing to reduce services at all	79	30.7%
Total	257	100.0%

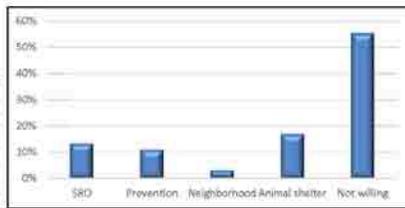


13 If it is necessary for the City to increase taxes to support library services, to which ONE area would you prefer to see the additional funding go?

Question 14: If it is necessary for the City to reduce police services to balance the budget, in which ONE area would you prefer reductions be made?

Description	Count	% of Total
1. School resource officers	34	13.4%
2. Crime prevention & education	28	11.0%
3. Police neighborhood presence	8	3.1%
4. Animal shelter	43	16.9%
5. Not willing to reduce services at all	141	55.5%
Total	254	100.0%

Responses	
Count	% of Total
34	13.4%
28	11.0%
8	3.1%
43	16.9%
141	55.5%
254	100.0%

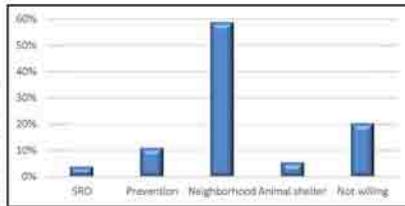


14 *If it is necessary for the City to reduce police services to balance the budget, in which ONE area would you prefer reductions be made?*

Question 15: If it is necessary for the City to increase property taxes to support police services, to which ONE area would you prefer to see the additional funding go?

Description	Count	% of Total
1. School resource officers	10	3.9%
2. Crime prevention & education	28	11.0%
3. Police neighborhood presence	150	59.1%
4. Animal shelter	14	5.5%
5. Not willing to reduce services at all	52	20.5%
Total	254	100.0%

Responses	
Count	% of Total
10	3.9%
28	11.0%
150	59.1%
14	5.5%
52	20.5%
254	100.0%

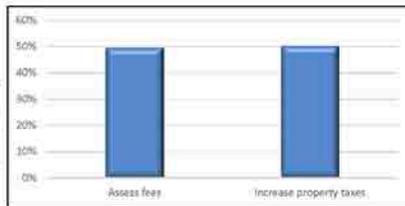


15 *If it is necessary for the City to increase taxes to support police services, to which ONE area would you prefer to see the additional funding go?*

Question 16: 60% of our neighborhoods have alleys. To improve those alleys, would you prefer the City assess fees to alley users or increase property taxes for all residents?

Description	Count	% of Total
1. Assess fees to alley users	124	49.6%
2. Increase property taxes for all residents	126	50.4%
Total	250	100.0%

Responses	
Count	% of Total
124	49.6%
126	50.4%
250	100.0%

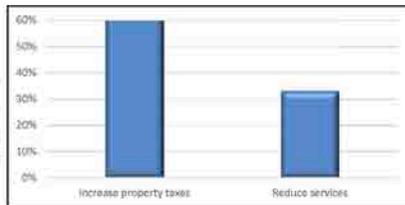


16 *To improve alleys, would you prefer the City assess fees to alley users or increase property taxes for all residents?*

Question 17: Finally, given what you heard today, would you prefer the City increase your property taxes or reduce your services?

Description	Count	% of Total
1. Increase your property taxes	169	66.8%
2. Reduce your services	84	33.2%
Total	253	100.0%

Responses	
Count	% of Total
169	66.8%
84	33.2%
253	100.0%



17 *Finally, given what you have heard today, would you prefer the City increase your property taxes or reduce your services?*

66% of the Rowlett citizens who participated in this survey indicated they would prefer an increase to their property taxes rather than see a reduction of City services.

Thank you to all who took the time to attend a meeting or complete the online survey to provide YOUR input!

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Tax Freeze & Senior Tax Exemption

Information regarding the Senior Tax Freeze and the Senior Tax Exemption was one of the most frequently requested items throughout the campaign.

In 2004, City Council approved a senior citizen tax **exemption** of \$67,000, which is the 2nd highest in Dallas County. Based on Rowlett's tax exemption policy, each property owner who reaches the age of 65 receives an increase in their annual property tax exemption from the \$5,000 regular "homestead" exemption to a \$67,000 "senior" exemption, immediately reducing their annual tax payment by \$463. This exemption is **not permanent** and can be adjusted in the future.

At that same time, City Council passed a senior citizen tax **freeze**, which essentially freezes their taxes **permanently** as long as they own that property. Said differently, once a senior citizen receives their tax freeze, it **cannot be taken away**, even if a future City Council changes the amount of the senior tax exemption.



Rowlett is one of only seven cities out of 31 in Dallas County who approved this exemption. The combined **revenue loss** for both exemptions now totals **\$3.2 million annually**.

THE HOMESTEAD AT LIBERTY GROVE (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

The Homestead at Liberty Grove is a \$200 million, multi-phased housing development project covering approximately 195.5 acres with 620 lots. It will create a significant number of indirect construction jobs and provide a diversification of housing options for the citizens of Rowlett and those interested in moving here. The unique housing styles will bring variety to the Rowlett community, whose current housing stock is mostly traditional and will include:

- **Garden** Homes: Adult lifestyle courtyard homes with front yard maintenance provided by the HOA. The perfect lock-and-leave home for empty nesters, active seniors, and young professionals.
- **Township** Homes: Homes for young families with first and second floor master bedrooms. Flexible backyards offering choices of attached and detached garages featuring “Granny Flats”, workshops and three car garages.
- **Manor** Homes: Homes for older families with teenagers with mostly first floor master bedrooms. Flexible backyards offering choices of attached and detached garages featuring “Granny Flats”, workshops and four car garages.

“*This is such an exciting time here in Rowlett! Citizens will soon be able to see, and move into, the kind of neighborhood they asked for during the two-year Realize Rowlett 2020 process. I would like to thank Arcadia for their incredible partnership with the City to bring this extremely high quality development to Rowlett!*”

Mayor Todd Gottel

These homes will also offer amenities like front and wrap-around porches, bay windows, balconies, stoops and garden rooms; features designed to encourage social interactions and enhance the feeling of community within the neighborhood. All the homes will be on a park, across the street from a park, or a three minute stroll down a tree-lined lane from a park! The project will be completed over the next 8-10 years and, upon build out, will generate an excess of \$1,500,000 in annual property tax revenue to the City.

The Homestead at Liberty Grove is the first “New Neighborhood” project to be developed under the City’s Form-Based Codes. In keeping with these standards, The Homestead at Liberty Grove will bring a focus on the building types and orientation to create a more pedestrian-friendly community, which will also be interspersed with both active and passive public open spaces. The “New Neighborhood” standards, although predominantly single family housing-oriented, are intended to provide a mix of housing options.

The Homestead at Liberty Grove housing-type examples and Site Plan



CITY WINS AWARD FOR MERRITT ROAD PROJECT!



On June 19, the *Merritt Road Paving, Drainage, Water and Sanitary Sewer Project* was recognized at the 2014 Texas Public Works Association Annual Meeting as the *Public Works Project of the Year* in the Transportation Category for projects in the \$5-\$15 Million Category. This is a huge accomplishment of the work between all parties and the first recognition of its kind for the City.

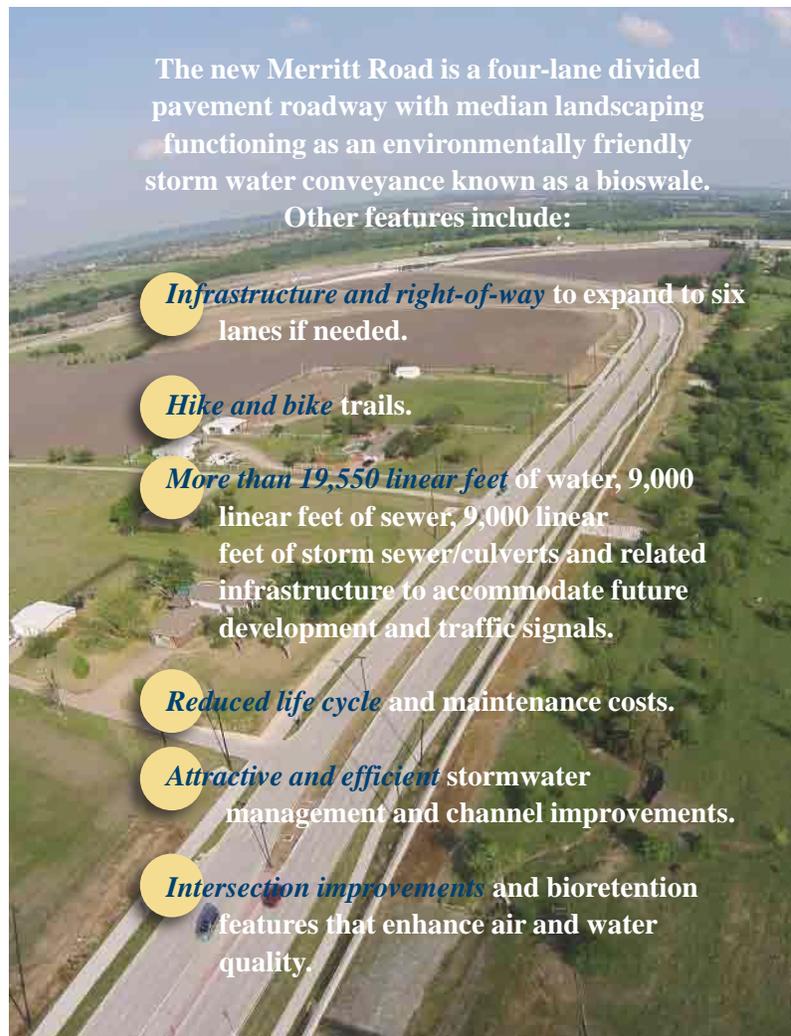
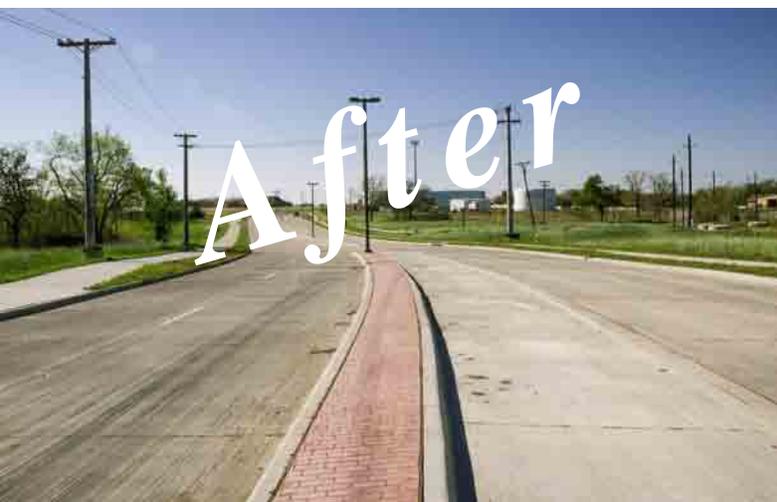
The City of Rowlett made a bold choice for true sustainability in the planning, design and construction of Merritt Road, a curved, two-mile stretch on the City's northeast side, which will serve the future development of

the City's North Shore District. The planning process recognized that Merritt Road faced increases in traffic volume, commercial development and corridor use, the welcome result of DART Light Rail and the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT), which includes two Merritt Road exits, one in Rowlett and the other in Sachse. Answering this question required careful balancing of priorities and a hard look at the meaning of sustainability for Rowlett roadways.

Merritt Road was designed to benefit the community and the result is an attractive roadway that supports the well-being of residents and business operators, can

accommodate planned growth and protects the environment. The City and its team, consisting primarily of engineering consultant Freese and Nichols, Inc., and general contractor Tri-Con Services, were very familiar with this type of project and knew the importance of its construction so residents along Merritt Road were involved throughout the project.

The total estimated cost of the project was \$14,180,000. Funding contributions were from Dallas County at \$1,403,831, the City of Rowlett at \$1,403,831 and the Regional Transportation Council through Regional Toll Revenues at \$12,776,280.



The new Merritt Road is a four-lane divided pavement roadway with median landscaping functioning as an environmentally friendly storm water conveyance known as a bioswale. Other features include:

Infrastructure and right-of-way to expand to six lanes if needed.

Hike and bike trails.

More than 19,550 linear feet of water, 9,000 linear feet of sewer, 9,000 linear feet of storm sewer/culverts and related infrastructure to accommodate future development and traffic signals.

Reduced life cycle and maintenance costs.

Attractive and efficient stormwater management and channel improvements.

Intersection improvements and bioretention features that enhance air and water quality.

Once Every Two Week Landscape Watering in Effect All Summer...Through AT LEAST October 31!

North Texas Municipal Water District Stage 3 Water Restrictions



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, **through at least October 31**, due to below average rainfall and low lake levels.

The goal of Stage 3 is a 10 percent reduction in water use and increased awareness in ongoing water conservation efforts. Despite recent rains, **as of June 26, Lake Lavon was only 50% full**. Lake Chapman, another NTMWD water source, was 54% full.

New legislation granted the NTMWD an exemption to the Lacey Act for all aquatic invasive species, allowing them to now transport water from Lake Texoma through pumps that are located in both Texas and

Oklahoma. NTMWD ceased using water from Lake Texoma in 2009 after zebra mussels were found in the lake. In December 2012, NTMWD began construction on a closed pipeline system to restore and transport water from Lake Texoma to the Wylie water treatment plant, where the zebra mussel would be destroyed. The pipeline extension project was completed in May and is now transporting water from Lake Texoma. The recently signed Bill, the closed pipeline and the water treatment process will prevent any invasive species, including the zebra mussel, from being released into the environment while restoring 28% of the NTMWD's water supply.

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.

JULY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NO WATERING						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NO WATERING						
27	28	29	30	31		
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2		
					Watering Days: Use Last Digit in Address	



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

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



5th Annual Boards and Commissions Volunteer Fair

Thursday, July 24 - 7:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

The City of Rowlett is a truly blessed community in so many ways. One of those is evidenced by the contributions made, day in and day out, by the hundreds of volunteers who so selflessly give of themselves to better their hometown.

Join us for the Annual Boards and Commissions Volunteer Fair to learn about the various City boards and commissions and the opportunities available to serve on one of them. There will also be information about

volunteer opportunities at the Animal Shelter, Library, Police Department and more. These departments would all experience cuts in the

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community in which you want to live.

services offered without the help of those volunteering for the City. Volunteerism does

not have to be a huge time commitment, the City will tailor a position to meet any potential volunteer's needs, be it an hour a week or 50 hours per month!

Keep Rowlett Beautiful and the Rowlett Citizen Corps Council (RCCC) will also be on hand to provide information about their organizations, which create opportunities for preserving the environment and serving in the public safety realm, respectively.

**SO FAR THIS YEAR, ROWLETT CITIZENS HAVE VOLUNTEERED 13,560 HOURS
A COST SAVINGS TO TAXPAYERS OF \$306,055!**

**23,378 HOURS WERE VOLUNTEERED IN FISCAL YEAR 2013, THE EQUIVALENT OF
11.39 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, AT A TAXPAYER SAVINGS OF \$527,641**

Thank You to all of the citizens who volunteer in the City of Rowlett!

Public Safety Volunteer Opportunity



Being Prepared is Everyone's Responsibility.

Get Ready Today!

Become a Member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT Class

Saturday, August 2 and August 9
8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The Rowlett area CERT team is actively recruiting residents to be trained in the CERT program, which includes Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue and Fire Suppression following FEMA guidelines. The Rowlett Citizen Corps Council sponsors this two-day class, which is open to the public.

The Rowlett **CERT** program is well established and integrated into the City of Rowlett's Emergency Plan. It serves an essential role in disaster preparedness and emergency response in the Rowlett area. During a natural or man-made disaster, CERT teams assist 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@rowlettcitizencc.org.

MOSQUITO SEASON IS HERE

Use the *Four D's* to Protect Against West Nile Virus

FREE dunks, which control mosquito population in places that retain standing, stagnant water for generally over five consecutive days, are available to Rowlett residents on the second floor of the Police Building at 4401 Rowlett Road.

Call 972-412-6283 for more information.

**MOSQUITO PROOF. FOLLOW THE FOUR D'S
REMEMBER, THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD
D-FENSE!**

1 **DRAIN**

Inspect property for standing water

- Regularly inspect and clean roof gutters (water can pool in debris).
- Dump water from the collection dishes placed beneath potted plants.
- Change the water in birdbaths and pet dishes daily to avoid creating an ideal mosquito breeding ground.
- Upend wheelbarrows, buckets, tires, cans and other outdoor containers, they may catch and hold water for several days.

2 **DRESS**

Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites when outside.

3 **DEET**

Use insect repellent products with "DEET" or other EPA approved repellents and follow product instructions.

4 **DUSK & DAWN**

Stay indoors during dusk and dawn hours—when mosquitoes are most active.

WHAT IS DALLAS COUNTY DOING?

The City of Rowlett contracts with Dallas County for mosquito testing, abatement and spraying. This contract covers ALL of Rowlett, including the portion that is located in Rockwall County. Dallas County Health officials are working with the City of Rowlett to minimize the

Surveillance – The collection of mosquitoes to determine the location, species, quantity and virus potential.

Source Reduction – Remove water sources that support mosquito breeding habitats.

Larvicide – The use of EPA approved products to kill mosquito larvae in standing water or stocking water with mosquitofish.

Adulticide – The spraying of EPA approved products from trucks and planes to reduce mosquito populations. The pesticides that can be used for mosquito control have been judged by the EPA not to pose an unreasonable risk to human health.

risk of residents of contracting mosquito borne diseases. Dallas County uses an Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) program to abate mosquito populations. IMM uses various techniques that include the following tools:



What if a Mosquito Tests Positive for WNV?

Dallas County will perform Mosquito Ground Spraying

Test

In Rowlett, mosquito testing occurs on Wednesdays.

Results

The City will be notified of results by 10:00 A.M. on Friday.

Notify

If positive mosquitoes are present, the City will notify residents of the affected area through Connect Rowlett messages and information on www.rowlett.com.

Spray

Ground spraying of the zone will occur at dusk the same evening (weather permitting).

Ensure YOU receive ground spraying notifications, sign up for [Connect Rowlett](#) today!

FIREWORKS ON MAIN!

**Friday, July 4
6:00 – 10:00 P.M.
Main Street**

The City of Rowlett is excited to welcome 80's legend Sheena Easton as the headline entertainment! 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 where she has been a major attraction for the last decade, she's even been inducted into the Las Vegas Hall Of Fame.

Sheena Easton in Concert!



This popular community event also features lots of free children's games and activities, a variety of favorite festival foods, shopping opportunities from local vendors, a live broadcast by 103.7 KVIL and Rowlett's largest fireworks extravaganza!

Park and Ride for Free!

Free parking with free shuttle service is available at the Rowlett Community Centre, Rowlett High School, Herfurth Park, First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches.

Free parking is also available at the DART Station.

**For more information visit
www.rowlett.com/fireworks**

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Troop 1201 Eagle Scout
Community Service Project

18 Boy Scouts and their families worked with Parks and Recreation staff to freshen up Community Park by painting tables and benches in an effort to get them ready for all the summer activities! This was an Eagle Scout project for Kyle Davis, who coordinated all the activities for the day.



Troop 100 Flag Team

Scouts from Troop 100, along with members of the Rowlett Honor Guard, Officers JJ Jones and Robert Rudisill, posted the colors at the City Council meeting on June 3. The Flag Team performs around the community, learning civic pride and leadership skills along the way.



Police & Fire Rescue Departments
Conduct Cost Effective Training!

Members of the Rowlett Police Department's SWAT team conducted explosive entry training on May 19th at the old Super One Store on the corner of Dalrock and SH 66. These same officers recently attended an explosive entry training enabled by a grant from the National Tactical Officers Association, so this was a perfect



opportunity to put what they learned to the test. Members of the Fire Rescue Department also took advantage of this training opportunity in the vacant building, which has since been demolished to make way for a new Walmart Neighborhood Market.



Memorial Day/Touch a Truck
Saturday, May 24



RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Officer Hoedebeck Receives Enforcement Hero Award

Motorcycle Officer Bill Hoedebeck received the *Enforcement Hero Award* from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for having the most DWI arrests in 2013 for the City of Rowlett. This was part of the Take the Wheel Campaign where MADD enlists the support of city officials, law enforcement, schools and businesses to work together collaboratively to eliminate drunk driving.



KRB Awarded \$250,000 Community Improvement Grant

Keep Texas Beautiful recognized Keep Rowlett Beautiful as one of 10 winners of the 2014 Governor's Community Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Improvement with a check for \$250,000 in Austin on June 24 at their 47th Annual Conference. This grant will be utilized for landscaping and beautification projects along SH 66 (Lakeview Parkway).



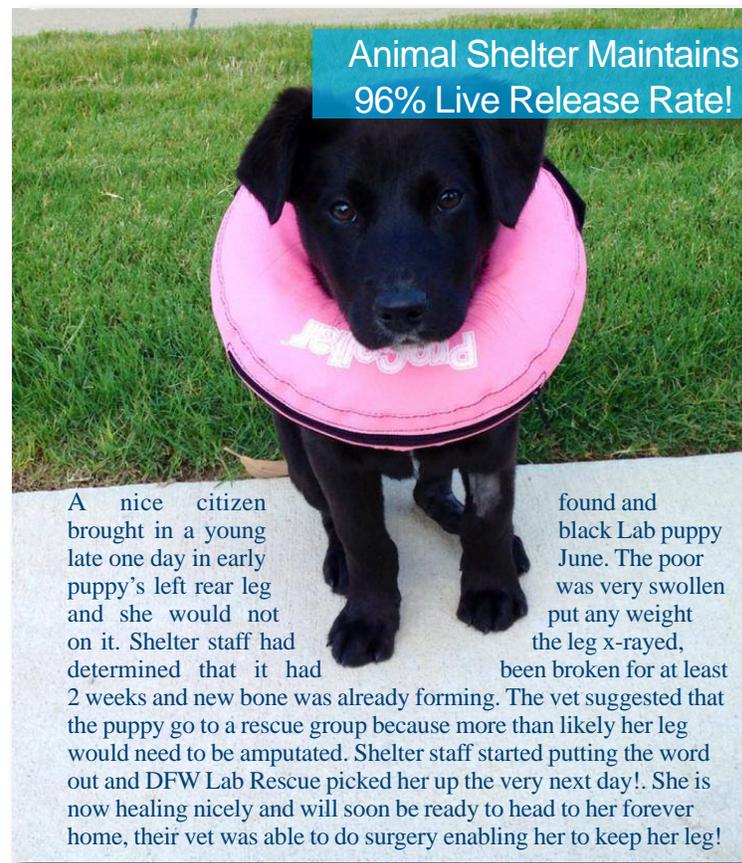
Library Receives Literacy Grant

Rowlett Public Library received a \$2,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to assist ongoing efforts in providing adult literacy classes through the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program. The GED program currently serves over 40 students!



Police & Fire Rescue "Bring It" for Field Day!

Police and Fire Rescue Departments attended the Stephens Elementary Fun Day/Field Day event...needless to say, they provided the "Fun"!



Animal Shelter Maintains 96% Live Release Rate!

A nice citizen brought in a young late one day in early puppy's left rear leg and she would not on it. Shelter staff had determined that it had been broken for at least 2 weeks and new bone was already forming. The vet suggested that the puppy go to a rescue group because more than likely her leg would need to be amputated. Shelter staff started putting the word out and DFW Lab Rescue picked her up the very next day!. She is now healing nicely and will soon be ready to head to her forever home, their vet was able to do surgery enabling her to keep her leg!

found and black Lab puppy June. The poor was very swollen put any weight the leg x-rayed, been broken for at least 2 weeks and new bone was already forming. The vet suggested that the puppy go to a rescue group because more than likely her leg would need to be amputated. Shelter staff started putting the word out and DFW Lab Rescue picked her up the very next day!. She is now healing nicely and will soon be ready to head to her forever home, their vet was able to do surgery enabling her to keep her leg!

Rowlett Fire Department Spring Smoke Alarm Blitz

The *2014 Spring Smoke Alarm Blitz* targeted an older neighborhood in southwest Rowlett for a door-to-door campaign to replace non-working smoke alarms and batteries.

The *twice-yearly Smoke Alarm Blitz* targets neighborhoods deemed at risk for fire due to age or the materials used in the building process. The Fire Department works together with the Rowlett Citizens Corps Council (RCCC) to conduct inspections on existing smoke alarms, replacing batteries when needed or even the entire smoke detector if it is too old or non-working. Smoke alarm units and 9v batteries were purchased or donated through private donations, grants and other funding streams. The RCCC received a \$1,500 donation from Wal Mart, who also deeply discounted a

bulk purchase of the smoke alarm units used in the blitz. The goal of this event is to ensure every home in Rowlett has the adequate number of working smoke alarms.

On Saturday, June 7, Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner, along with 14 RCCC volunteers and members of the Rowlett Fire Rescue Department, visited 64 homes.

- 63 smoke alarms were distributed or installed.
- 43 batteries were distributed or installed.

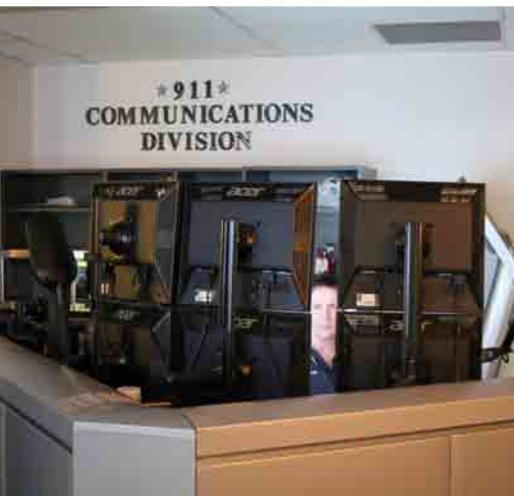


Volunteers also passed out targeted materials developed in conjunction with the US Fire Administration's *Install. Inspect. Protect.* program, FEMA resources, Citizen Corps and other fire, safety and poison prevention information to homeowners.

A big thank you goes to youth volunteer group Rowlett Explorer Post One, who stuffed 300 literature bags on Thursday, June 5 in preparation for the event.

193 Rowlett families and homes are better protected against fire because of this one-day event.

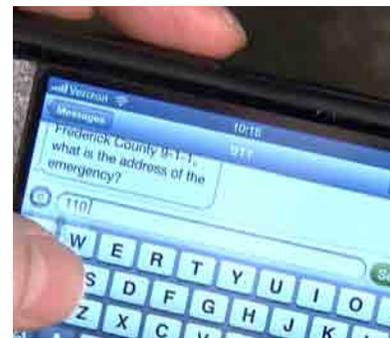
Police Department Plans for *Text-to-9-1-1* Service



As the public becomes more mobile and embraces new methods for communicating, 9-1-1 has to adapt and be ready to answer non-voice requests for assistance. The impending deployment of Text-to-9-1-1 capabilities across the "big 4" cell phone carrier networks (AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon) is a product of collaborative efforts between the carriers, the Federal Communications Commission and public safety agencies, demonstrating the shared commitment of all parties to meeting the evolving needs of citizens in the digital age.

It is very important for the public to recognize that the May 15 implementation date for carriers does not mean that Text-to-9-1-1 service is available to all consumers from that day forward. Text-to-9-1-1 availability will ultimately depend on funding and the deployment of hardware, software and training programs at the nearly 6,000 9-1-1 centers across America, and progress will vary from one community to the next. Currently, the City of Rowlett cannot receive text messages sent to 9-1-1, however planning is underway to obtain the necessary software and hardware to deploy the new service.

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It is critically important to realize that the best way to reach 9-1-1 will always be through voice communications whenever possible, even in areas supporting Text-to-9-1-1 service.

*Beth English
Rowlett Police Department
Communications Director*

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.

The purpose of this report is to inform the City Council and public regarding the status of the City's financial position. In other words, where are we versus where did we project we would be at this time of the fiscal year. Also, the report informs the staff and City Council about significant variances

in projected versus actual revenues and expenditures and allows the Council to monitor the City's financial position and make adjustments as needed.

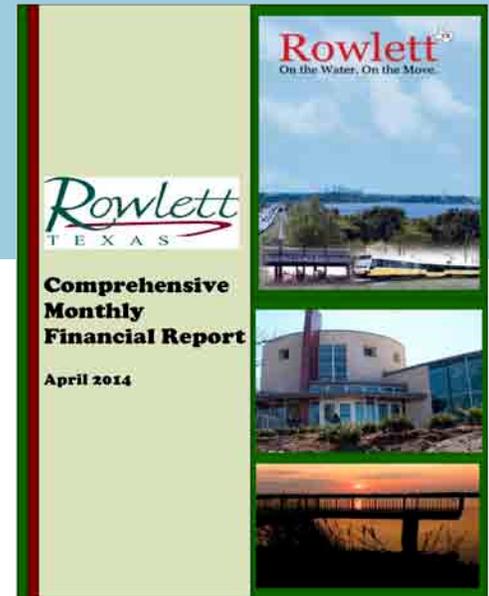
"The net surplus from operations is \$4.2 million. This is \$1.3 million better than expected at this point in the year. "

*Alan Guard
Chief Financial Officer*

The report provided to Council in June includes financial information through April. We are now seven months, or a little more than halfway through the City's fiscal year. As we move closer to September, and as we move into the City's budget season, staff will be reviewing revenue trends more closely as we

prepare revenue and expenditure estimates for City Council to consider for the Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

On the revenue side of the equation, overall, the City has earned or received \$54.4 million for all funds in Fiscal Year



2014. This amount is 66.8% of the approved operating budget of \$81.4 million and is **0.3% higher** than the forecast projected through the month of April!

Expenditures have totaled \$50.2 million through the same time period. This amount is 61.9% of the approved operating budget of \$81 million and is **2.3% lower** than forecast through April.

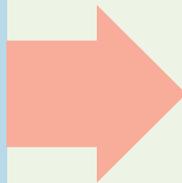
View the [April Financial Report](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Sales Tax

Sales Tax

An important indicator of financial health for the community.



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

Fiscal Year 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, who then sends a check to the City of Rowlett for its share of the sales tax.

Sales Tax revenues are running 2.5% higher than projected through the month of April with collections totaling \$3,150,417

This is an increase in sales tax revenue of \$101,635, or 3.3% over the same time period in FY2013. This is a positive trend for our community!





Why Participate in the Summer Reading Program – Fizz, Boom, Read?

It's not only FUN and offers great prizes, it will boost a child's comprehension levels and help them become a more successful student in the ensuing year.

not just in reading. Kids who don't read over the summer can slide backward in all subject areas. This can mean a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who do continue learning all year long. Early and sustained summer learning

Library Summer Reading Program

2014 Theme: *Fizz, Boom, Read!*

The Rowlett Library's high-quality summer programs keep students engaged in learning, teach them new skills, allow them to develop previously unseen talents and foster creativity and innovation!

“*The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress, and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.*”

*Kathy Freiheit,
Director of Library Services*

The themes for 2014 year are science-related, reflecting the steady rise in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based curriculum. The Library is presenting science in a fun way with experiments, ooey goeey messes and unexpected reactions. Readers of all ages will be transformed into scientists as they explore all the ways science can be cool!

Studies show that many children involved in a summer reading program gain significant vocabulary, socializing and self-disciplined learning skills during this time. Children are more apt to learn during the summer months when the pressure of full-time school and other events is on hold.

Testing shows that kids who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they go back to school. And

opportunities lead to higher graduation rates, better preparation for college, and positive effects on children's self-esteem, confidence, and motivation.

Enroll in the 2014 Summer Reading Program – Fizz, Boom, Read!

- The number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains.
- Reading is the single summer activity most strongly and consistently related to summer learning.
- Children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not.
- More than any public institution, the library contributes to the intellectual growth of children during the summer.



Fizz, Boom, Read!

Summer Reading Program *for Children*

Ages 9 and under
Read 3 hours per week



Encourage a lifetime of learning and enjoyment in young readers! Kids are awarded fun and yummy prizes just for reading, and in the process learn about setting and achieving

goals. Free activities include live entertainers every Tuesday and movies on Thursdays...all at your Rowlett Public Library.

DAZZLING DAVE DOES SCIENCE!

Tuesday, July 15

2:00 P.M.

Enjoy a good fireball? Not afraid of loud noises? Is combustion a thing of beauty? Science surrounds us and is part of just about everything we do. Whether riding a bicycle, turning on a light or baking a cake, there is a lot of science involved! Dazzling Dave helps people see the “every day science” and the “simple science” involved in everyday life, fostering curiosity and stimulating the imagination of both young and old alike. Science can be boring and even a little intimidating at times, but it doesn’t have to be that way! Through simple yet entertaining and fast paced demonstrations mixed with liveliness and lots of personality, the fundamentals of science are explored together.

DR. FLAKE-N-STEIN

Tuesday, July 22

2:00 P.M.

Brett Roberts is Dr. Flake-n-Stein, who combines magic, robot puppets and science experiments in this highly interactive show. Children participate with magic tricks and assist with the real science experiments conducted by “the Doctor”. This performance not only encourages children to read books on science experiments, but they will also want to read about magic tricks and science fiction too!

METEOROLOGIST MAGGIE

Tuesday, July 29

2:00 P.M.

Laugh while you learn when storyteller Margaret Clauder plays Meteorologist Maggie, weatherwoman, and demonstrates various weather phenomena! A former preschool teacher, Margaret amazes and entertains with her interactive storytelling, puppets and ventriloquism, along with a dose of magic and lots of laughs.

ROWLETT MARTIAL ARTS ACTION TEAM

Tuesday, July 1

2:00 P.M.

Come hear the BOOM! This local 14-member Action Team demonstrates their board-breaking skills using special TNT Boards (these make LOTS of noise)!

FIZZY SCIENCE WITH PROFESSOR KING

Tuesday, July 8

2:00 P.M.

Learn about and experience the science behind FIZZY and OOZEY and DROOLY stuff with Professor King!





Spark a Reaction!

Summer Reading Program *for Tweens and Teens*

Ages 10-18
Read at least 5 hours per week



Teens looking for fun, challenging and crazy activities this summer will find what they like at the Rowlett Public Library as they *Spark a Reaction!*

Parents, incentives help the teens set reading goals, encourage motivation to complete them and foster reading for enjoyment.

HOMETOWN HERO

Wednesday, July 2
 2:00 P.M.

Celebrate our nation's independence with Rowlett resident and City of Rowlett Director of Human Resources, John Murray, who will educate and inspire with his program "Fighting and Dying for Freedom". John served as a member of the United States Air Force for 20 years.

OLYMPIC MONOPOLY

Wednesday, July 9
 2:00 P.M.

Come and play Olympic Monopoly on a full-sized board where you are the game piece! Knowledge of Greek mythology and the Percy Jackson books will help you to win!

Read the Percy Jackson and the Olympians Book Series this summer!

- The Lightning Thief*
- The Sea of Monsters*
- The Titan's Curse*
- The Battle of the Labyrinth*
- The Last Olympian*

CALLING ALL GAMERS!

Wednesday, July 16
 2:00 P.M.

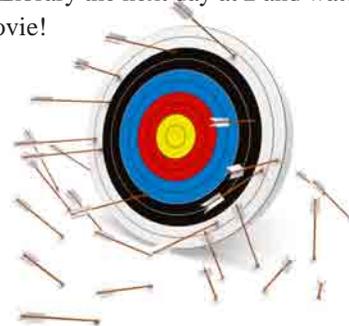
Are you an awesome Mario Kart player? The BEST at Guitar Hero? Come show off your skills and try to match some other outstanding video gamer's scores! Then come back to the Library on Thursday, July 17 at 2:00 P.M. and watch as Mario and Luigi battle King Koopa to rescue Princess Daisy and save the world in the Super Mario Brothers movie!



HEROES WITH A BOW

Wednesday, July 23
 2:00 P.M.

How did Katniss win The Hunger Games? She was an excellent archer! Come for an archery demonstration by members of the Texas Archery Club of Dallas. Come back to the Library the next day at 2 and watch the movie!



HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TEENS

Wednesday, July 30
 2:00 P.M.

Celebrate Harry Potter's July birthday at the last Library teen event of the summer. Get ready for the next semester of Hogwarts School for Wizards and make your own wand, gather all of your books and your owl, then have the Sorting Hat show you what House you belong in!



Energize your Imagination!

Summer Reading Program *free movie and popcorn!*

Every Thursday
2:00 P.M.
Rowlett Library

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Library offers families a way to beat the summer heat

without spending a dime! Enjoy a great family movie and **FREE popcorn!**

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

Thursday, July 3

Rated PG

A squad of heroic pizza-loving mutant turtles named after famous renaissance artists emerge from the sewers to defend the Earth against criminal ninjas led by their evil nemesis, Shredder.

SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

Thursday, July 17

Rated PG

Mario and Luigi battle King Koopa to rescue Princess Daisy and save the world!

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE

Thursday, July 24

Rated PG

Katniss is betrayed by the president and once again must face death along side Peeta by playing the Hunger Games.

CLASH OF THE TITANS

Thursday, July 10

Rated PG

Perseus, son of Zeus, battles underworld evil minions led by Hades to save the world and defeat the Kraken!



HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE

Thursday, July 31

Rated PG

Go all the way back to the beginning as the first movie of the series introduces us to a young boy wizard as he begins his magical education at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Literary Elements!

Summer Reading Program *for adults*

Ages 18 and up
Read 1 book per week

Don't let the kids have all the fun this summer! There's nothing like a good book to while away a long summer day. Read one book every week for a

chance to win a \$20 gift card! Every week you read a book will increase your chances of winning the grand prize.



Fizz, Boom, Read Story Times!

Summer Stories for babies, toddlers and preschoolers



THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS SUMMER PLAY DATE

Mondays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Babies ages 0-2

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

July 7 – Textures

July 14 – Puppets

July 21 – Bouncing Balls

July 28 – Parachute Play

August 4 – no story time

August 11 – no story time

August 18 – no story time

August 25 – It's Bedtime!

GIGGLE, WIGGLE STORYTIME SUMMER PLAY DATE

Wednesdays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Ages 18 months to 3 years

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

July 2 – Picnics and Parades

July 9 – Me and My Family

July 16 – All About Fish

July 23 – Counting and Parachute Fun

July 30 – Hello, Baby!

August 6 – no story time

August 13 – no story time

August 20 – no story time

August 27 – At the Beach

SHAKE, RATTLE AND READ SUMMER PLAY DATE

Fridays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Ages 3 years and older

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

July 4 – no story time

July 11 – Music and Marching

July 18 – Craft Day!

July 25 – Action Stories!

August 1 – Craft Day

August 8 – no story time

August 15 – no story time

August 22 – no story time

August 29 – A Home for Me

PAJAMA STORY TIME

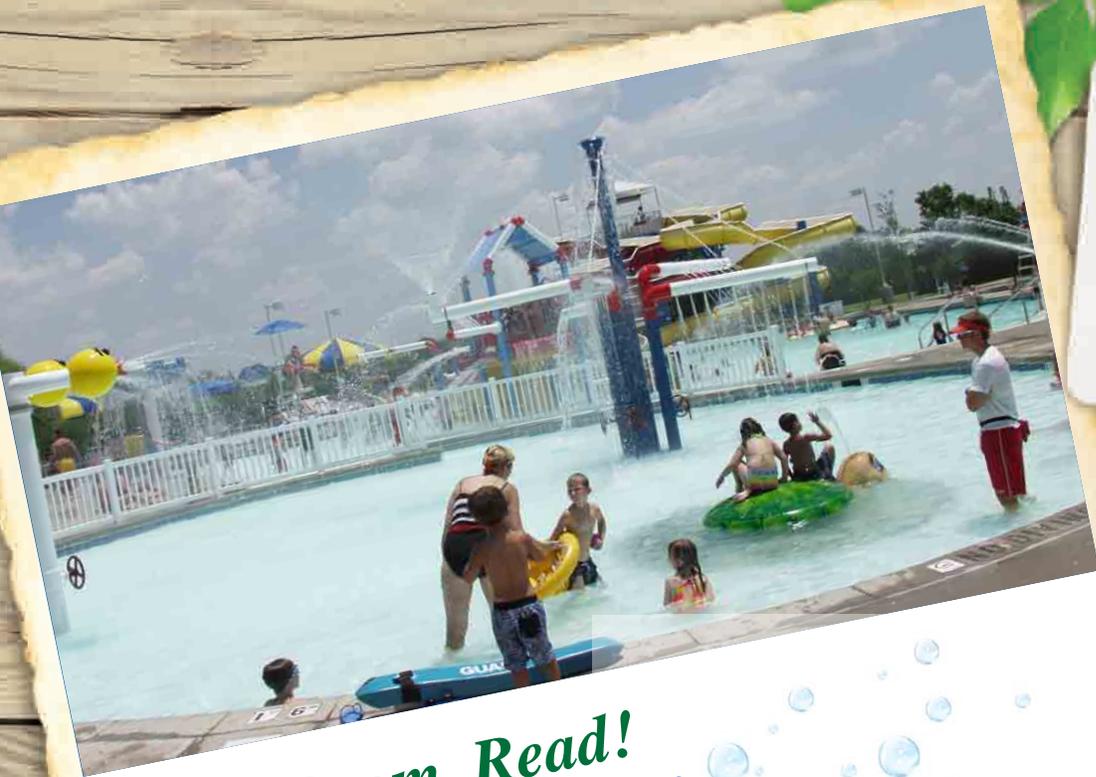
Every Thursday

June 12 – July 31

7:00 P.M.

Bring a pillow and blanket, wear your jammies and enjoy bedtime stories that are sure to give your little ones sweet dreams.





Fizz, Boom, Read!

Summer Reading Program

End of Summer Party!

Saturday, August 2
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
The Wet Zone

Summer Readers: gather for some fun in the sun and a last splash as the Summer Reading Program draws to a close. Readers who report hours for each week are

eligible for a free pass to the Wet Zone and any accompanying adults, children or friends not participating in the program will get in for \$3!

Thank you to the Summer Reading Program Sponsors!

McDonald's
CiCi's Pizza
Chick-fil-A
Pizza Inn

Raising Cane's
Sonic
Carino's
Frontiers of Flight
Museum

Ringling Bros. Circus
Bowl-a-Rama
Texas Skatium
Texas Rangers!!!

For more information about the Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Program, call the Rowlett Public Library at 972-412-6161.



ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!



eBooks are so convenient and have really become a very popular way for people to read. Did you know that, just like regular books, eBooks can be checked out at the library? By utilizing a service called OverDrive, eBooks from the Library can be read on eReaders, computers, smartphones and tablets. And, unlike regular library books, never worry about forgetting to return your ebook on time and incurring a late fee, they automatically delete themselves off your device! All you need is a library card in good standing and your account PIN.

Once you find an eBook to check out on the

Phil's Technology Corner

Check Out eBooks at the Library!

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

[OverDrive website](#), you'll notice icons in the upper right corner of the book cover picture. If that icon is black, that means the book is currently available. If it is grey, that means the book is unavailable, but you can "get in line" to read it by putting it on reserve. Library eBook checkouts work similarly to regular library books. Only one person at a time can check out each eBook owned by the Library. So, if you're looking for some of the more popular books, you may have to wait on a hold list for them, just like with physical books.

Once you click the big blue Borrow button. Select your preferred file, for instance, if you have a Kindle, or are reading eBooks through the Kindle app on a phone or tablet, select Kindle and the download button will take you to Amazon's website. Don't worry, even though you're going through the Amazon page, you're not buying anything, they simply require that all

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To learn more, contact the library. We can try to help you over the phone, or you can bring your device in so we can help you in person. ***We offer One on One Tech Help by appointment on Fridays, if you'd like some personalized assistance!***

Arts & Humanities Commission

Annual Photography Contest

2014 Theme – "Rowlett Up Close!"



Are you an Ansel Adams aficionado? Do you look at daily life as if through a lens? Do you have more photo albums than books in your home? Is your family tired of pulling over to the side of the road every time you leave the house so you can jump out and "get that shot"?

Then here is your chance to prove that you have what it takes - enter the Arts & Humanities Photography Contest!

Entries will be accepted at the Rowlett Public Library on Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and will remain on display through October 4.

For complete rules and more information please visit the [Arts & Humanities page](#) of www.rowlett.com.

Categories

People

children, students, politicians, citizens, family, etc.

Places

lake, library, Community Centre, buildings, DART, Bush Turnpike, etc.

Things

boats, automobiles, artwork, nature, bridges, etc.

Guidelines

Limit of three entries per person.

Photos must have been taken within one year of contest deadline.

Entries must be 8"x10".

Entries should be matted on black – **NO FRAMED PHOTOS ACCEPTED.**

Entries may be color or black and white.

Prizes

\$75 - First Place in each category
\$150 - Best in Show

It is the goal of the Arts & Humanities Commission to encourage appreciation of, and participation in, the arts in the City of Rowlett!



Are You Ready for the Summer?!

Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer “Camps”*

The Parks and Recreation Department has a “camp” for every child. Kids will learn, have fun, stay active and make new friends!

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170 or visit www.Rowlett.com/ParksandRec!

MARTIAL ARTS CAMP

Ages 12 and up

Jujitsu

July 2 – 30, August 2 – 30

Martial Arts Hall of Fame instructor, Grand Master Duane Ethington teaches Iss-Hogai, an American Jujitsu. This is an explosive and effective system of self-defense and self-confidence taught in an easy to learn series of classes.

Tae Kwon Do – Beginner

July 1 – 31, August 5 – 28

Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 P.M.

Learn traditional Tae Kwon Do in a positive atmosphere with 5th degree black belt Bobby Blakey, who has over 27 years of experience and 10 black belts under him. Discipline, power, focus, and conditioning are just some of the things taught in this program.

Tae Kwon Do – Advanced

July 1 – 31, August 5 – 28

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

Take your training to the next level with 5th degree black belt Bobby Blakey, who has over 27 years of experience and 10 black belts under him.

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SOAR Day Camp

Monday – Friday

June 9 – August 15

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Drop the kids off at the Rowlett Community Centre where Parks and Recreation staff provides

entertaining, educational, themed-based fun to keep them up and moving all day long.

Manic Monday

Teamwork activities with themes such as “Survivor”, “Surf’s Up”, “Amazing Race” and others are featured. Participants work to build huts for stuffed animals, learn cooperation by crossing a hot chocolate river, thawing a frozen t-shirt, untangling a human knot and other team-related activities.

Tidal Wave Thursday

Water is the name of the game! Kids cool down from the hot Texas heat with a day full of wacky wild water fun! Participants will enjoy an EXTREME cool down, fun in the sun at Wet Zone Waterpark and lots of wild water games!

Rookie Tuesday

This is a sports program with a focus on FUN! Kids will play basketball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, pickleball and other fun games like Frisbee and golf. Everyone has a great time while getting tons of exercise!

Fantastic Fun Friday

Prepare for adventure, challenges, laughter and teamwork. Game shows, nature exploration, arts and crafts, and gym games are all entertaining ingredients for this recreational recipe for fun!



Are You Ready for the Summer?! **Rowlett Parks & Recreation Summer “Camps”** *(cont. from page 22)*

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170!

GUITAR CAMP

Tuesday & Thursday

July 1 – 24

August 5 – 28

6:15 – 7:00 P.M.

\$80 – 1 session/week

\$140 – 2 sessions/week

Learn how to pick, strum & shred on the guitar! Acoustic and electric lessons with a focus on blues, rock, jazz, metal and country. Please bring your own guitar.



BORN TO BALL SKILLS CAMP

Tuesday & Thursday

July 1 – 24

August 5 – 28

Beginner for ages 7-10, \$80

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Advanced for ages 11-18, \$100

5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Teens and pre-teens interested in improving their basketball game learn skills such as ball handling, dribbling and shooting and participate in agility drills and plyometrics. Train with coach Jasmine Cannon, who will be hosting these skills camps all summer long.

SHAKE IT UP!

RAP LYRICIST CAMP

Wednesdays, July 2 – 16

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Ages 11-18, \$10

Learn how to throw down some serious rhymes and have a blast at this all new teen music and dance camp!

BECOME A JUNIOR COUNSELOR CAMP!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

July 7 – August 8

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Ages 13-17, \$25

The Junior Recreation Leader program provides first-hand experience in the recreation field. Jr. Recs will shadow a Recreation Staff member, learning skills along the way, and help with various programs such as the SOAR Day Camp, Wet Zone Waterpark and the Out is In Camp. Work with other teens providing a safe, fun, healthy and clean environment for the participants of the programs with which you assist.

On Monday and Friday, participants will help lead our Summer SOAR program at the Rowlett Community Centre. Wednesdays will be dedicated to addressing hot topics like drug & alcohol abuse, CPR/first aid, bullying, peer pressure, teamwork, college planning and violence.



SCIENCE SLEUTH CAMP

Saturday, July 12

10:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 7-8, \$30

Be a junior CSI agent and participate in “whodunit”- themed science activities. Kids learn how to be a crime solver by exploring the world of the forensic scientist while participating in fun-filled science activities.

CARTOON ANIMAL DRAWING CAMP

July 14 – 18

10:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 6-16, \$130

Laugh-out-loud funny! Mind-bendingly-adorable! Awesome-beyond-belief! Over the course of five days, our students will learn how to draw animals of all shapes, sizes, and colors. They will learn how to personify ordinary animals, transforming them into fully realized cartoon characters. If your child is a fan of cuddly animals and funny cartoons, this drawing workshop will inspire imagination and creativity!

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Are You Ready for the Summer?!

Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer “Camps”* (cont. from page 23)

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170!

SKYHAWKS GOLF CAMP

July 21 – 25

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-8, \$110

Young athletes learn the fundamentals of form, swinging, putting and body positioning. Skyhawks has added the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) system to its curriculum. Specifically designed for the entry-level player, SNAG simplifies instruction so that young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment is provided, no need to bring your own clubs!

SKYHAWKS BASKETBALL CAMP

July 28 – August 1

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 7-12, \$110

A fun, skill-intensive week-long camp for the beginning to intermediate player. The progression-oriented curriculum focuses on the whole player, teaching kids the skills needed to be a better athlete, both on and off the court. After a week of passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding, your child will show you why this is one of our most popular programs. Participants-to-coach ratio is 8:1 and includes a T-shirt and merit award.

SKYHAWKS FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

August 4 – 8

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 7-12, \$110

A camp for beginning to intermediate athletes who want to complete their introduction to “America’s Game” and enhance skills in preparation for league play. Through “skill of the day” activities, kids learn the core components of passing, catching and de-flagging or defensive positioning. Camp ends with the Skyhawks Super Bowl, giving participants a chance to showcase their skills on the gridiron.

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Saturdays

July 12 – August 1

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 11-14, \$25

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and as such, has been designated “Out is In” month! Let us take your teen and get them **OUT** of the house, **IN** our facilities, which include

Out is IN Camp!

Rowlett parks, the Community Centre and Wet Zone Waterpark, and **IN**volved in healthy, safe recreation opportunities. Every Saturday we’ll meet at a different location and have education

sessions on teen appropriate topics such as health, self-esteem, peer pressure and bullying. We’ll also have hours of fun, structured activities!

July 12 – Pecan Grove Park

Leave no trace scavenger hunt including tree tagging, litter pick up and graffiti education.

July 19 – Community Park

Peer pressure, bullying, drugs & alcohol awareness session followed by sand volleyball, and a bootcamp fitness workout.

July 26 – Wet Zone Waterpark

Learn water safety and talk about living up to others’ expectations. Also learn First Aid, AED and CPR!

August 1 – Community Centre Overnight Lock In

Healthy self-esteem and teamwork, positive sports games, basketball shoot out, free throw competition and movie night.



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Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer "Camps"* (cont. from page 24)

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AFRICAN SAFARI DRAWING CAMP

August 4 – 8

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-12, \$130

Explore the exciting land and many animals that inhabit Africa by creating two large scenes: one in a graphic style filled with a variety of animals and another focusing on the twists and turns of a snake with pastel chalks. We will draw a variety of animals in various scenes with different media, we'll even create a cartoon!



SHAKE IT UP! TALENT SHOW

Friday, August 8

7 – 9:00 P.M.

Ages 11-18, \$5

Exciting DJ, rap and dance talent show for teens to showcase the skills they've learned at the *Shake it Up!* Camps all summer long.

Camp Opportunity! Camps for teens with a focus on the future!

ACT MINI-CAMP

July 28 – August 1

5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Ages 14-18, \$40

Improve the chances of getting into the college of your choice by increasing your ACT scores. This 10-hour course includes instruction in math, grammar and writing, then students will complete one practice ACT test.

SAT MINI-CAMP

Saturdays,

August 23 – September 27

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 14-18, \$75

Improve the chances of getting into the college of your choice by increasing your SAT scores. This 24-hour course includes instruction in math, grammar and writing, then students will complete two practice SAT tests.

SAFE SITTER CAMP

Saturday, August 30

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Ages 11-16, \$60

Safe Sitters are not just highly-qualified babysitters with First Aid, choking child rescue and CPR training. They're young business owners with practical life and safety skills. Teens learn how to market themselves, assess job requirements, how to negotiate and give a proper handshake!

Call 972-412-6170 for more information or to register for ACT or SAT Camp!



Contact Fire Rescue at 972-412-6230 for more information or to register for Safe-Sitter Camp!

Dive in!

The Wet Zone, Rowlett's Family Water Park

Get wet and have a great time at the “cool” events all month long!

AquaFit Boot Camp

Tuesdays & Thursdays

July 1 – 31

6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

\$165

Instructor Tracy Payne, Certified Personal Trainer & Group Fitness Instructor from Xtreme Fitness brings boot camp to the Wet Zone! This camp mixes traditional boot camp drills with fun, high energy exercises done in the water. Turn your body into a “fat burning” machine! Highlights include body composition measurements, nutritional guidance, fat burning workouts and group support & accountability.

Flick ‘n Float

Friday, July 11 – *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*

8:30 – 10:30 P.M.

Enjoy a movie from the comfort of lawn chairs or floats! Free with your daily admission or \$6 after 7:00 P.M. Special meal price of \$3 for a hot dog, chips, and a drink starts at 7:30!

Sand Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, July 12

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

\$45 per team

Think your team has what it takes to bring it all home? Prove it at this annual 3-on-3 double elimination tournament at the Wet Zone's sand volleyball court. All team members get free admission to the park for participating in the tournament, top three teams win prizes!

Learn to Swim!

Ensure children are safe when visiting friends and relatives. Swim lessons are offered all summer long, from June 5 through August 3, for ages 6 months right on up to adults! With group sessions, semi-private and private lessons offered, there is a class for everyone.

Angel Swim

Sunday, July 20

8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

This swim time is specifically set aside for those with special needs and their families. Play, swim and enjoy the Wet Zone without all the crowds!

Junior Lifeguard Training

July 21 – August 7

Ages 11-15

Don't sit at home all summer! Work with the Wet Zone lifeguards and learn what they do as well as valuable lifesaving skills.

Season Pass Day

Monday, July 21

We appreciate our season pass holders - this is our chance to show you how much! Bring a friend with to the Wet Zone and they can enjoy the day on us! Each pass-holder can bring one guest free of charge.

For more information visit
www.wetzonewaterpark.com

Rowlett Police Department Warns Drivers - Do Not Leave Children Unattended in Vehicles!

As outside temperatures rise, the dangers for children being seriously injured or even dying from being left alone inside a hot car also rise.



The Rowlett Police Department has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke in young children.

According to NHTSA, heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle fatalities for children 14 and under. In fact, one child dies from heatstroke nearly every 10 days from being left in a hot vehicle.

More than half of all vehicle-related heatstroke deaths in children are caused by a child accidentally being left in the car, and more than 30 percent are from a child getting into a hot car on their own. If you ever see a child left alone in a vehicle, call 911 right away.

Lt. Michael Godfrey
Rowlett Police Department

Warning Signs of Heatstroke

- red, hot, and moist or dry skin
- no sweating
- a strong rapid pulse, or a slow weak pulse
- nausea
- confusion or acting strangely

If a child exhibits any of these signs after being in a hot vehicle, cool the child rapidly, not in an ice bath, but by spraying them with cool water or with a garden hose. Call 911 immediately. Children's body temperatures can rise up to five times faster than that of an adult, and heatstroke can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. On an 80° day, a car can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes.



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Tips to Prevent Vehicular Heatstroke

1 Double check the vehicle

Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.

2 Never leave an infant or child unattended in a vehicle

even if the windows are partly open, or the engine is running and the air conditioning is on; if a child is missing, check the vehicle first including the trunk area.

3 Put something in the backseat

Put your purse, briefcase, or something else you're sure to need in the back seat so you will see a child left in the vehicle.

4 Place keys out of reach

Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

5 Childcare phone call

Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child doesn't arrive on time.

Summertime is Barbecue Time!

Outdoor Cooking Safety

Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner Offers Some Important Home Safety Advice. Remember...*safety is up to you.*



One of the most treasured activities of summer is cooking and eating outdoors with family and friends. The popularity of this activity is evidenced by the number and variety of outdoor grills or “barbecues” sold each year. Grills are fun to cook on and make fantastic summer meals, but they can also be dangerous and should be handled with care.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

When LPG is used to fire a home barbecue, it is contained under pressure in a steel cylinder. The contents, vaporized and in a confined area, have the explosive force of several sticks of dynamite. Therefore, the wise user of LPG will be aware of the dangers involved and the precautions that must be taken to avoid accidents.

- Do not transport LPG cylinders in the trunk of a passenger vehicle.
- Never leave a cylinder in a parked vehicle.

- Ensure that all connections are tight by applying a soapy water solution to detect leaks.
- Do not allow grease to drip on the hose or cylinders.
- Never use a gas-fired barbecue inside any structure.
- Never store any LPG cylinder - either attached to the barbecue or as spare cylinders - inside any part of a structure, including porches and balconies.

Stay Prepared!

Keep a working fire extinguisher handy in case of an outdoor cooking emergency.

CHARCOAL GRILLING

Although charcoal may sound less dangerous than LP gas, safety precautions are still necessary!

Never use a charcoal barbecue in an enclosed space.

Burning charcoal emits carbon monoxide gas.

Do not add starter fluid once a charcoal fire has been started.

Fire may follow the stream of fluid back to the container, causing an explosion and scattering flaming liquid.

Wet ashes thoroughly with water before emptying the barbecue.

This prevents any live coals from starting a fire.



Practice Safe Food Handling When Cooking Outdoors

Marinate Safely

Marinate foods in the refrigerator - never on the kitchen counter or outdoors.

Cook Food Thoroughly

Always use a food thermometer to be sure food is completely cooked.

Keep Ready Food Hot

Moving it to the side of the grill rack keeps it hot but prevents overcooking

Don't Reuse Platters or Utensils

Using the same platter or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood allows bacteria from the raw food's juices to spread to the cooked food.

For more information, contact Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner at 972-463-3940 or via [email](#).

Rowlett

City Calendar

July

		1 Rowlett Martial Arts Action Team 2pm @ Library City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Hometown Hero 2pm @ Library	3 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ Library	4 <i>City Facilities Closed</i> Fireworks on Main/Sheena Easton Concert @ Main Street 6-10pm	5
6	7	8 Fizzy Science 2pm @ Library Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Olympic Monopoly 2pm @ Library	10 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ Library	11 One on One Tech Help @ Library Flick 'n Float @ Wet Zone	12 Out is In Camp @ Pecan Grove Park Sand Volleyball Tournament @ Wet Zone
13	14	15 Dazzling Dave Does Science 2pm @ Library City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Calling All Gamers! 2pm @ Library	17 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ Library	18 One on One Tech Help @ Library	19 Out is In Camp @ Community Park
20	21 Season Pass Day @ Wet Zone	22 Dr. Flake-n-Stein 2pm @ Library Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:30 pm	23 Heroes with a Bow 2pm @ Library	24 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ Library	25 One on One Tech Help @ Library	26 Out is In Camp @ Wet Zone Harry Potter's Birthday Party 2pm @ Library
27	28	29 Meteorologist Maggie 2pm @ Library	30 Harry Potter's B-day Party 4 Teens 2pm @ Library	31 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ Library		