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City of Rockwall's "Old Rusty" Water Tower Dismantled

The City of Rockwall's water tower on Boydston Avenue (next to Fire Station One), nicknamed "Old Rusty" by some on social media, is being dismantled. The water storage tank was constructed in 1978, and served its purpose for 30 years, when it was taken offline in 2008.

To take its place, newer water towers were constructed at North Country Lane and Interstate 30 to meet demand. As the city grew, the need for greater capacity and higher elevations made the Boydston water tower inefficient and ultimately obsolete as a water source.

However, in the years since it was decommissioned, the structure's purpose evolved from a water source to a revenue source—with telecommunications and broadband providers located on the tank. Then the time finally came when the tower either needed to be resurfaced and painted or deconstructed. Over the past few months, the cell providers have been relocated to the radio tower adjacent to the water tower in preparation for the dismantling.



It will take approximately 30 days to dismantle the water tower. The process includes using a cutting torch to cut the water tower into smaller pieces and lowering them to the ground, working from the top down. Watch for regular updates and pictures of the process as it happens.



Back to School Safety Reminder

Drivers need to remember to slow down for students. All across Rockwall this month, children are headed back to class, and that means school zones are once again in effect.

As students fill the streets every morning and afternoon heading to and from schools, parents, police, school officials and concerned residents urge caution in an effort to ensure children are safe in their journeys. It's also a good idea for parents to remind their little ones to use caution and look both ways before crossing streets.



Happening Around Town

Fridays-Saturdays, May 6-October 29

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 7-9:30 p.m.

Saturdays, May 7-September 24

Rockwall Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Family Fun Friday, Air Bud Golden Receiver, Northshore Park (609 Highland Dr.), 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Mother Son Dance, SpringHill Suites (2601 Lakefront Trail), 6-9 p.m. (Pre-registration required)

Saturday, October 1

Rib Rub Run and Roll, Harry Myers Park, Car Show Downtown, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

*For more information:
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com*

Out and About in Rockwall



Fourth of July Festivities End with a Bang

Continuing with tradition, the City of Rockwall celebrated the Independence Day weekend in grand style. The day started with the festive Independence Day parade to the delight of the throngs of onlookers. Then later in the day, there was a flyover and parachute jump from a WWII airplane, ending in a stellar fireworks display that went on for nearly half an hour.



Junior Fire Academy Cadets Graduate

The Rockwall Fire Department's annual Junior Fire Academy is once again a success with students. Every year the FD plans an educational and fun-filled week for the boys and girls ages 8-12. The students geared up like their grown-up counterparts and went to work to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter, even including a tour of a CareFlite helicopter.



Rockwall Reminds Residents to Continue Conserving Water

While residents' ongoing water conservation efforts have been successful in decreasing consumption in the past few weeks, the City of Rockwall reminds residents we need to continue to be frugal with water usage. Temperatures continue to be in the triple digits, and there has been no significant rain to help alleviate drought concerns. We can all do a better job to help preserve our existing water resources.

Homeowners are encouraged to limit outside lawn and landscape watering to only twice a week, and not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. In addition, residents are asked to check sprinkler heads for leaks that can cause hundreds and even thousands of gallons of water to run into the street unknowingly. There are many ways we can all be "water wise." Here is a link to some tips from our water provider, North Texas Municipal Water District: ntmwd.com/help-us-conserve/easy-ways-to-save/.

Love Your Landscape... Prepare Your Lawn for Fall

Believe it or not, fall is around the corner. September is the time of year you need to be ready to apply your pre-emergents for winter weed prevention. This way you do not have to fight weeds in your dormant Bermuda grass all winter.

Apply your pre-emergents no later than October 15, and water thoroughly. Always read the label and follow the label exactly.

This will also be the month you apply your final application of fertilizer for landscape and grass. This is the most important application to help your landscape prepare for winter. A balanced fertilizer such as 20-5-10 or a ratio close to this are best for this final application.