



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Rockwall Firefighters Raise Thousands for Resident Battling Breast Cancer

In addition to keeping the City safe, Rockwall firefighters have raised \$10,000 for a fellow resident battling breast cancer! At an official ceremony, the Rockwall Professional Firefighters Association presented Jennifer Lett Cordts with a check. The Rockwall mom is currently battling stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer.

The RFPA selected Jennifer as the recipient of this year's fundraising efforts—selling breast cancer awareness t-shirts—and the community responded. RFPA Vice President Brad Vallance and association member Micah Floyd spearheaded the fundraising campaign. Along with the donation, firefighters presented Jennifer with a bouquet of flowers and a fire helmet that has been worn on emergency runs from each of Rockwall's fire stations.



Change in Garbage Rates for the New Year

In accordance with the solid waste contract with longtime partner, Republic Services, the rates for garbage and recycling will increase 3% for residents. This translates to an increase of \$.75 per month. Under the agreement, Rockwall residents will continue to enjoy twice monthly bulk trash pickup, twice per week garbage services, and weekly recycling, as has been the standard in the City for many years.

In addition, commercial rates will also see an increase of 3%. Water and sewer rates will not be affected by this current increase. The new garbage rates apply to service starting in January and will appear on February bills.



Happening Around Town

Saturday, February 12,
SNAP Valentine's Dance, The Center
(108 E. Washington St.),
6-7:30 p.m. (Age 16 and under)
7:45-9:15 p.m. (Age 17 and up)
(Registration required at Playrockwall.com.)

Monday-Friday, March 7-11,
Spring Break ROCK Camp, Harry Myers Community Center,
(815 E. Washington St.),
(Registration opens soon at Playrockwall.com.)

Wednesday, March 16
Angel League spring season kickoff, Yellowjacket Field,
6:30 p.m. (registration begins Feb. 1 at AngelLeague.org)

For more information:
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

Out and About in Rockwall



Lending a Hand for Helping Hands

City of Rockwall employees assisted Rockwall County Helping Hands with their annual Toy Drive at Christmastime, helping more than 1,100 families this year. They donated, delivered and sorted gifts for the annual event. Every year, the Toy Drive helps make the Christmas season a little brighter, by providing toys for a growing number of local children and their families.



Carolers at City Hall

A group of students gathered to entertain residents and employees at City Hall. Students from Virginia Reinhardt Elementary visited to sing traditional Christmas carols and warm the hearts of all who attended. The sixth graders, who are all members of the school's choir, were excited when the audience chimed in to sing the tunes they know and love.



Christmas Cards for the Troops

City of Rockwall employees reached out to make the Christmas season a little brighter for our U.S. troops stationed away from home during the holidays. They signed more than 200 Christmas cards to be sent in care packages as part of the annual Operation Gratitude project. City staffers have participated in the program since 2009 and have signed thousands of cards to send to heroes during the holidays.



SNAP Valentine's Dance

Lace up your dancing shoes! The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department offers a way for residents of all abilities to shine on the dance floor. The sixth annual Special Needs and Adaptive Programming (or SNAP) Valentine's Dance is coming up on Saturday, February 12.

The event will take place at The Center, located at 108 East Washington Street, from 6-9:15 p.m. To register, and for more information, please visit playrockwall.com.

Happy New Year

Rockwall Celebrates the Season

Crowds turned out once again to help ring in the holidays in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The day started early with the 52nd Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade. Onlookers thoroughly enjoyed the fun family tradition.

Next, everyone headed over to Downtown Rockwall for the Hometown Christmas Celebration. It was a great turnout and plenty of festivities on the Square made for a jolly day. Shoppers found unique gifts for loved ones at the outdoor market and spirits soared.

The events ended late in the evening with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall, complete with cookies from the Rockwall Women's League, hot chocolate and loads of family fun to start the season right.

