

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Beat the Heat!

This summer is shaping up to be a HOT one! Make sure to stay safe out there with the following recommendations:

- Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine to keep your body temperature down.
- Shut out the Heat: Keep blinds and curtains closed during the day.
- Avoid the Oven: Cooking indoors can heat up your home. Opt for an outdoor grill or microwave instead.
- Swap your Sheets: Use lighter, breathable fabrics like low-thread-count cotton for a cooler night's sleep.
- Create a Breeze: Set your ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise and use exhaust fans to draw out warm air.
- Use Sunscreen: Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15+ to reduce the risk of sunburn when outside.
- Know the Signs of Heat Stroke: Headaches, nausea, vomiting, rapid pulse, extremely thirsty, dry/ swollen tongue, dizziness, slurred speech, sweating but cool to the touch, body temperature over 104°. Call 911 if you believe you have heat stroke.

On July 19, 2024 we celebrated the promotion of Driver Engineers Michael Sauder and Erick Sotelo to their new roles. We offer our sincerest congratulations to both individuals on their achievement and wish them continued success in their careers.

PROMOTION
Driver Engineer



Pictured left to right: Chief Kenneth Cullins, Driver Engineer Erick Sotelo, Driver Engineer Michael Sauder and Assistant Chief Brett Merritt.



INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES



In the coming months, Rockwall will experience significant changes as TxDOT progresses eastward with the I-30 construction project. TxDOT has been diligently working on the I-30 Bridge across Lake Ray Hubbard however, they have encountered some delays due to weather and unexpected debris from old roads and homesteads as they drill into the lake, which was once farmland. As a part of the \$313 million I-30 corridor expansion project, new frontage road bridges will be constructed across Lake Ray Hubbard from Dalrock Road and SH 205.

The Horizon Road interchange is scheduled to complete in late 2026. As progress continues, check drivetexas.org for daily lane closures. Other projects will widen I-30 and add continuous frontage roads throughout Rockwall County. The work is part of TxDOT's Texas Clear Lanes effort to relieve congestion in major metropolitan areas.

Sign up for text alerts at

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

For the latest updates, follow the City of Rockwall, Texas - Municipal Government Facebook page or visit our website https://www.rockwall.com/news_i30.asp



GOLF CART OPERATION KNOW THE RULES

- Operators must have a valid drivers license.
- Operate only on residential streets with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less.
- Daylight operation only.
- Display a slow-moving vehicle emblem.
- License plates are required on public roadways.



SAFETY TIPS

- Use seatbelts if available.
- Follow all traffic rules including signals and signs.
- Do not operate under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- No lap riders.
- Keep feet, legs, hands and arms inside the vehicle at all times.

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Concert by the Lake Wrap-Up



What a fantastic Concert by the Lake series we've had this summer! Each Thursday night at The Harbor was filled with incredible music, dancing, and unforgettable memories. Thank you to everyone who came out and made these nights so special. We can't wait to see everyone again in the Fall for our next series of Concert by the Lake. Stay tuned for more details!



Independence Day Recap

We had a fantastic time at our 4th of July festivities, and we're thrilled to share that over 6,000 people joined us for the evening events at Harry Myers Park! A huge thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us. From the parade to the parachute jump, live music by Big City Outlaws, delicious food trucks, and the spectacular fireworks show—it was a night to remember!



New Regulations for Artificial Turf Installation in Rockwall!

The City Council has updated rules for installing artificial turf on residential and non-residential properties, effective June 3, 2024.

Key points include:

Non-Residential: Artificial turf is generally prohibited but exceptions can be made by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Residential: No turf in front yards; side/rear yards must not be visible from public areas. Maximum of 400 sq ft allowed.

Residents must apply for a building permit and submit a site plan and material specification sheet.

Non-compliance will result in property maintenance code violations.

For all the details, visit

https://www.rockwall.com/news_archives.asp

Mark your Calendar

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series

Friday & Saturday evenings, through Sept.
The San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
(off downtown square), 7-9:30 PM
Weekly schedule:
www.rockwall.com/mainstreet_music.asp

Rib, Rub, Run. and Roll - Oct 5

Car Show and Pedal Car Race - Downtown
Concert, run, and bbq competition- Harry Myers Park

Harmony at the Harbor - Oct 10, 17, 24

Join us for live music at the Harbor, 7pm-9pm

Halloween Festivities- Oct 26

Downtown Rockwall

Hometown Christmas - December 7

Parade at 9am
Downtown Rockwall 10am-5pm
City Hall Tree Lighting 6pm-8pm

Rockwall Farmer's Market

Saturdays, through Sept., 8 AM-12 PM
Historic courthouse, downtown square
www.rockwallfarmersmarket.org

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