



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Local Students Explore at Police Camp

Once again, the Rockwall Police Department has reached out to educate, inform and inspire students in the community. The PD recently hosted the third annual Summer Safety Camp for local students going into grades 5-6.

The camp is free, and each group attended a week-long session to learn more about police operations and procedures. In addition, the instructors also covered safety and personal development topics such as social media safety, physical fitness, drug awareness, bullying, and personal goal setting.

A class favorite is when the young cadets have the opportunity to work a mock crime scene and interact with members of the Rockwall PD SWAT Team and K-9 officers.



**HELP PREVENT
VEHICLE CRIMES**

**LOCK YOUR CAR
TAKE YOUR KEYS
HIDE YOUR VALUABLES**



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Partnering for Summer Safety

As the summer months heat up, it's natural to want to leave car windows open to let air circulate and keep your car cooler when you return. However, leaving your car open or unlocked can help facilitate a crime of opportunity. The Rockwall Police Department urges residents to use caution to help keep people and property safer.

Whether it's at home or in your car, prevention is key. Don't make it easy for criminals. For your vehicle, remember the three easy steps: lock, take and hide. It sounds simple, but it's highly effective: lock your car, hide your belongings and take valuables with you if possible.

In and around your home, don't leave bicycles, lawn equipment or valuables unattended. In addition, close your garage door when not in the area, and don't leave packages on the porch. Have a friend pick them up. For more helpful tips, please check out [facebook.com/cityofrockwall](https://www.facebook.com/cityofrockwall).

Happening Around Town

Thursdays-Saturdays, May 2-October 26

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturdays, May 4-September 28

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

Thursday, July 25

Concert by the Lake Series, Spazmatics, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, July 26

Family Fun Friday, The Harbor, Hook, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 1

Concert by the Lake Series, IDT Band, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, August 30

Family Fun Friday, Angels in the Outfield, Yellowjacket Park, 6 p.m.

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

Out and About in Rockwall



Patriot PAWS Expansion

Patriot PAWS celebrated the grand opening of their new veterans house. The facility will allow additional space for veterans to stay while training with their service animal. The Rockwall nonprofit places service dogs with veterans free of charge.



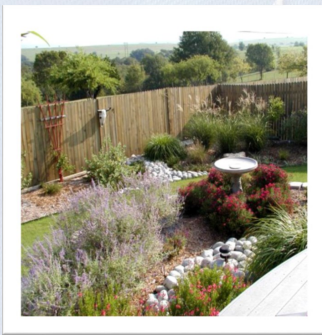
Amphitheater Named

The Rockwall City Council officially dedicated the Brad Griggs Amphitheater and Stage at The Harbor. Former Assistant City Manager Brad Griggs served more than 20 years here, and facilitated a lot of positive change for Rockwall's Parks and Rec system.



Keep Texas Beautiful

Mayor Jim Pruitt helped kickoff the Keep Texas Beautiful conference at the Hilton Lakeside Rockwall. He welcomed the crowd of about 500 to the four day annual conference, where they learned about this year's theme, "Navigating a Changing Texas."



Consider Texas SmartScape™

Did you know? Texas SmartScape™ provides design, care, and plant search tools that are "Smart" for North Central Texas. Plants require less water, which helps with conservation, and improves storm water runoff by decreasing the amount of pesticides, fertilizer and herbicides used in traditional landscaping. For more information, please see txsmartscape.com. Additional benefits include:

- Aesthetic – Looks good year round with little effort
- Ecological – Attracts butterflies, birds, beneficial animals
- Economic – Requires less fertilizer and water
- Stress Relief – Less worry about plants and flowers wilting



Guitar Project Closer to Completion

The City of Rockwall has embarked upon a project dedicated to honoring its designation as the *Free Live Music Capital of North Texas*. Now very close to completion, the project's five guitars have been painted by local artists, delivered to City Hall, and are undergoing the final preparations before being installed at various prominent locations around the city.

Love Your Landscape

This time of year many residents typically begin to ask about their St. Augustine grass starting to look brown and yellow after looking so green and lush all spring. The general assumption is that hot temperatures require more water—but more water doesn't always bring an improvement. Often there is an underlying insect or disease problem. The top three issues are chinch bugs, grub worms and large patch.

Symptoms

- Chinch Bugs:* Patchy brown turf, generally in sunny areas
- Grubworms:* Patchy brown turf that easily pulls up from soil
- Large Patch:* Patchy brown turf with green borders

Testing

- Pull a handful of brown turf, shake over white paper. Orange dots or rice sized black and white insects indicate a need for treatment
- Dig a 12" x 12" area, 2" deep. If you find 4 to 5 grub worms, you need to treat
- Pull a handful of turf, and if the leaves pull off stems easily and smell rotten or fishy, you need to treat.