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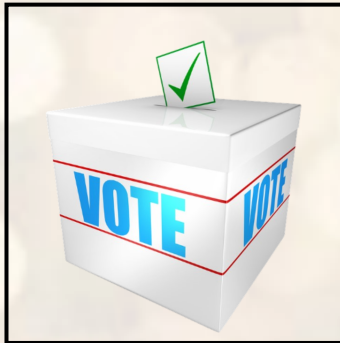
Rockwall City Council Appoints Dennis Lewis for Place 5

The Rockwall City Council has selected Dennis Lewis to serve the remaining term in Place 5. The seat became vacant on December 31, when Councilmember Dana Macalik stepped down to become County Commissioner. Mr. Lewis served as a Rockwall City Councilmember from 2012-18; he's also a businessman and active volunteer in Rockwall.



By city charter, vacancies on the City Council, other than Mayor, are filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected members until the next regular city election, which will be held on May 6, 2023.

"We are happy to welcome Dennis Lewis back to the Rockwall City Council," said Mayor Kevin Fowler. "He brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience and dedication. I've known Dennis for years through his involvement on the City Council and in many organizations within the community, and I'm confident he will be a great addition to our Council." Mr. Lewis' term began at the January 3 meeting.



Rockwall To Call General Election

On Monday, February 6, the City of Rockwall will call an election to be held on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of electing the Mayor and three City Councilmembers – one each for Places 1, 3 and 5. Terms for all elected Rockwall City Councilmembers are for a period of two years. Two of the four incumbents – Mayor Kevin Fowler, and Bennie Daniels, Place 1, are termed out and are not eligible to run for reelection, having served the maximum allowable length of time according to the city charter. Clarence Jorif, Place 3 is eligible to run for reelection if he so chooses, and Dennis Lewis, who was recently appointed to Place 5, may also run if he so desires.

An informational candidate packet for residents who may be interested in learning more about running for Rockwall City Council is available both at City Hall (385 S. Goliad on the 3rd floor, City Secretary's Office) and online for download via the City Secretary's webpage at www.rockwall.com/citysec_council.asp. The period for submitting an application for a place on the May 6 election ballot runs from Wednesday, January 18 through Friday, February 17.

Happy New Year

Happening Around Town

Saturday, January 21

Daddy Daughter Dance, Rockwall Hilton at The Harbor, 5-6:30 p.m., 7:30-9 p.m. (Must pre-register)

Saturday, February 11

Tim Tebow's Night to Shine (City is partnering on this event to bring a special needs dance to the community), Lakepointe Church, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays, March 13-29

Little Kickers (Soccer), Session 1, Harry Myers Park

Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 4-20

Little Kickers (Soccer), Session 2, Harry Myers Park

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

Out and About in Rockwall



Nebbie Williams Performance

Choir and Orchestra students at Nebbie Williams Elementary School performed their annual Christmas concert at The Center. A lively crowd gathered to enjoy the beautiful music, as the talented students shined.



Crews Repair Pipes Overnight

The day before Thanksgiving, a water main break occurred near Rockwall High School. City of Rockwall Water crews worked overnight in chilly rainy weather to repair the 16" steel cylinder pipe. Residents experienced limited interruption, and crews made it home in time for Thanksgiving dinner with their families.



City Employees Support Families

City of Rockwall employees helped once again with the 46th annual Rockwall Helping Hands Toy Drive. A record number of families received assistance this year (about 1200 children and 400 families), which means it took more volunteers to donate, count, sort, organize and distribute the toys to area families.

Discovery Project Progresses



The Discovery project continues to unfold. Here is a behind the scenes look at work being done pouring the larger than life statue pieces in bronze at the foundry: Schaefer Art Bronze Casting in Arlington.

The statue depicts the three settlers, Terry Utley Wade, Benjamin Boydston, and William Clay Stevenson, who dug a well in 1852 and discovered the rock wall for which our city was named.

The artist, Jim Bryant, is donating his time as a consultant overseeing the project. When it's complete, the final Discovery statue will be featured on the southeast corner of the Historic Downtown Courthouse.

Christmas Events Delight in Downtown

Crowds turned out once again to help ring in the holidays in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The day started early with the 53rd 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.

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



Change in Garbage Rates for 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 \$.48 per month. Under the agreement, Rockwall residents will continue to enjoy unlimited bulk trash pickup, twice per week garbage services, and weekly recycling, as has been the standard in the City for many years.



In addition, residents will also see a monthly increase of \$.25 for household hazardous waste collection. With this service, residents have access to convenient scheduled porch pickup of approved hazardous waste items. The total monthly increase for residential customers for both garbage and hazardous waste services will be \$.73.

Commercial rates will also see an increase of 3%. The new garbage rates apply to service starting in January and will appear on February bills.