



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Discovery Statue Unveiled in Historic Downtown Rockwall

Crowds gathered recently to celebrate the unveiling of the new Discovery Statue in Downtown Rockwall.

The sculpture honors the three pioneers, Terry Utley Wade, Benjamin Boydston, and William Clay Stevenson, who dug a well in 1852 and found the rock wall that runs under the entire city. The men had no idea at the time the significance of their finding, especially that the City of Rockwall would be platted two years later in honor of their discovery.

The Discovery Project has been nearly 20 years in the making, starting with local artist Jim Bryant who created an original smaller version that was the model for the full-size project. He donated his time and talents directing the project's completion. The statues themselves are about 150% scale, standing at roughly 9' each and they are located at the southeast corner of the Historic County Courthouse on the square.



Rockwall Dedicates U.S. Flag

Rockwall has dedicated the larger-than-life patriotic welcome for all who enter the city. The city installed the U.S. flag on I-30 last fall, and the ceremony was originally set for Veteran's Day weekend, but it was rained out. The 50x80' flag weighs about 120lbs and sits atop a 190' flagpole. It has been the source of pride and a lot of buzz for the city, including Mayor Kevin Fowler being interviewed live on Fox News. The response has been overwhelmingly positive from both residents and visitors alike. *Photo credit: GTH Studios*



Happening Around Town

Thursdays, May-July

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

Saturdays, May 6-September 30

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

Fridays-Saturdays, May-October

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

Saturday, May 20

Founders Day Festival, Harry Myers Park, 1-9 p.m.

Friday, May 26

Family Fun Friday, The Park at Foxchase, 6-10 p.m.

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

Out and About in Rockwall



Celebrating a Resident's Very Special Birthday

The Rockwall City Council surprised a resident with a special birthday celebration. Mr. Harvey Ladd recently celebrated his 103rd birthday. The Mayor presented him with a proclamation and shared a few anecdotes about the centenarian. When asked about his secret to a good life, at the top of Mr. Ladd's list: Live life with integrity.



Rockwall Fire Explorer Saves Fellow Student

The Rockwall Fire Department has recognized one of their youngest members for saving the life of another. Fire Explorer Gustavo Rubio, Jr., a senior at North Forney High School, performed the Heimlich maneuver on a fellow classmate who was choking—and saved the student's life. In true hero form, Rubio credits learning the technique in his Explorer training for his lifesaving success, saying, "Anyone would've done it." Kudos to you, Gustavo!



Welcome Co-Mayors for the Day

Mayor Kevin Fowler recently hosted two Rockwall residents, Fay Headley and Julie Spokes-Owen as co-Mayors for the Day. The ladies got the full experience of what it's like to assume the role of Mayor of the City of Rockwall. They won the opportunity at a local fundraiser last year. Julie and Fay had a full day of fun, learning about the responsibilities and the behind-the-scenes operations of different city departments, including the Police and Fire Departments, as well as Main Street and the Parks Department, just to name a few.

Love Your Landscape... Saving a Precious Natural Resource

Automatic irrigation systems are one of the best inventions out there, but they are frankly only as good as the person operating them. There is a big misconception that you simply, "set it and forget it," but that can leave a precious resource literally going down the drain!

Most systems run only at night and are never actually seen in operation. That's why you should turn on your system once per week and run through the zones to identify any leaks, broken heads that may malfunction only when the system is in operation. Any leakage can result in high water bills, dead landscape and lawn, run-off, and wasted water.

Remember, most irrigation zones should have different runtimes based on sun/shade, slopes, soil type and plant types. The goal is to apply one-inch of water per week and this includes rain, so if it rains, skip watering that week. Here is a sample for programming your irrigation system:

Tuesday and Friday Watering

- Start time 4:00 a.m. (best watering window is between 4-10 a.m.)
- Spray zones between 5-20 minutes, based on conditions, plants & nozzle precipitation rate
- Rotor zones between 15-40 minutes, based on conditions, plants & nozzle precipitation rate

