

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Rockwall Gets a Little Bit Greener

City receives donated trees for The Park at Foxchase.

ROCKWALL, TEXAS – March 30, 2016 – The City of Rockwall has made it a priority to beautify its parks and open spaces, and aims to do so by planting the same number of trees each year as the City is old. That means since the City turns 162 in 2016, this year, the Parks and Recreation Department plans to plant 162 trees. The City is a little closer to achieving that goal this year, with a donation of 20 trees in a ceremony this week for The Park at Foxchase.

The tree donation comes from Atmos Energy, Texas 811, and the Texas Trees Foundation as part of the "Fueling Cleaner and Greener Communities" initiative that kicked off last summer. The planting ceremony takes place this Thursday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at The Park at Foxchase at 4475 Tubbs Road in Rockwall. This particular park was chosen for the donation because it was originally a wide open park, with very few natural trees. The new planting will be a great addition to the number of trees the City has already established at Foxchase.

The campaign kicked off on August 11, 2015, which is National 811 Day, in an effort to raise awareness about calling 811 before digging. Calling 811 before digging enables property owners and contractors to connect with the Texas call center, to notify the appropriate utility companies about the excavation. The event this week is a continuation of Atmos Energy's commitment to plant 811 trees by National Safe Digging Month in April 2016. The public is invited to attend.

About The City of Rockwall:

The City of Rockwall, Texas is located 22 miles east of downtown Dallas, on the eastern shore of Lake Ray Hubbard. With a population of more than 41,000, Rockwall is a growing community that offers an extraordinary quality of life for its residents, as well as dynamic business opportunities.

As the county seat of Rockwall County, which is the wealthiest in Texas, Rockwall has received several accolades in recent years, including being named one of the top ten "Best Towns for Families" by *Family Circle* magazine, and "Number 1 for Job Creation in the United States," by *CNN Money* magazine. For more information about Rockwall, please visit www.rockwall.com.

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