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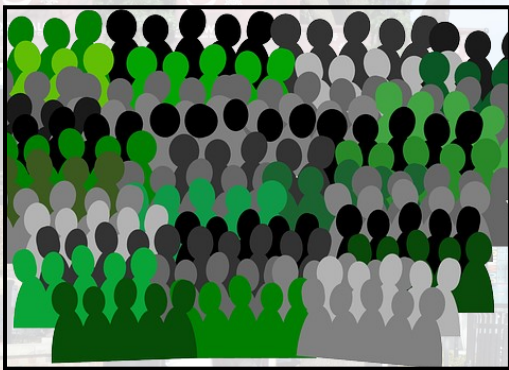
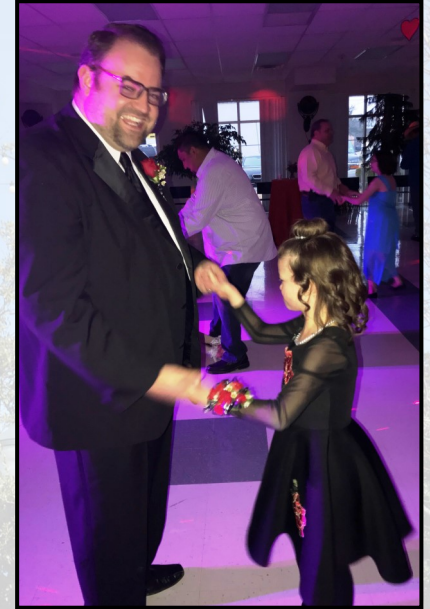
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Get Ready to Dance at the SNAP Prom

Prom season is starting early in the City of Rockwall. The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department offers a way for residents of all abilities to shine on the dance floor. The annual tradition that has families lacing up their dancing shoes is the SNAP Prom. The fourth annual Special Needs and Adaptive Programming (or SNAP) Prom is coming up on Saturday, February 8.

The event has grown over the past few years and is lots of fun for everyone. The dance floor stays packed all evening, and lasting memories with friends and family are made. With the help of several sponsors, the City has been able to offer the program free of charge.

This year's SNAP Prom is expected to be even bigger. The free event takes place at The Center, located at 108 East Washington Street, from 6-9 p.m. For more information, please visit playrockwall.com.



It's Time for the Census

The Census is a full count of the entire U.S. population, done every decade, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. An accurate count of everyone living in the community enables organizations and businesses to be better equipped to evaluate the services and programs needed, such as clinics, schools and roads.

The tally also determines how seats in Congress are distributed among the 50 states. Next March, the U.S. Census Bureau will send every household a notice to complete a simple questionnaire about who lives at your address. You will have the opportunity to respond online, by phone or by mail. The Census Bureau stresses that federal law dictates that all responses are kept safe and secure. For more information, visit 2020Census.gov.

Happy New Year

Happening Around Town

Saturday, February 8

S.N.A.P. (Special Needs & Adaptive Programming) Prom, The Center (108 E. Washington St.), 6-9 p.m.

Thursdays, February 20-May 14

Citizen's Fire Academy (pre-registration required), Fire Station 2 (920 Rockwall Pkwy.), 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, March 9-13

Spring Break Rock Camp, Harry Myers Community Center, (815 E. Washington St.), 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16

Kickoff of Youth Softball and Baseball Spring Season, Tuttle Sports Complex (1550 Airport Rd.)

Wednesday, March 18

Angel League Spring Season Kickoff, Yellowjacket Field, 6:30 p.m. (AngelLeague.org)

Tuesdays, April

Citizen's Police Academy (pre-registration required), Rockwall Police Dept. (205 W. Rusk St.), 6:30-9:00 p.m. (RockwallPolice.org)

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

Out and About in Rockwall



Making Christmas Bright

Employees with the City of Rockwall got in the holiday spirit by lending a helping hand. They signed 900 Christmas cards for troops deployed during the holidays. And they donated, delivered and sorted gifts for the Rockwall County Helping Hands annual Toy Drive. Every year, the Toy Drive helps make the Christmas season a little brighter by providing toys for more than 1,000 local children.



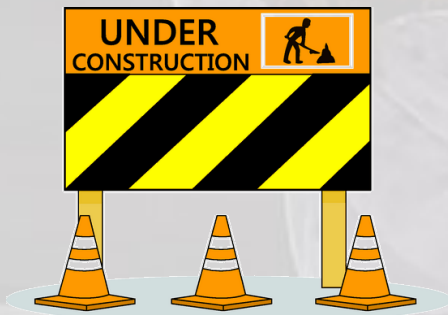
Our Hometown Spirit is Showing

Residents both young and old rallied around the Rockwall High School Yellowjacket Football team as they advanced all the way to the state semi-final playoffs. On the night before the big game against Duncanville, a huge crowd of fans gathered on the square for a hometown pep rally. The Downtown Rockwall Association decorated the square in orange for the occasion. Congratulations to the team for an amazing season!



Christmas in Downtown

Thousands turned out once again to help ring in the holidays in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The day started early with the annual Kiwanis parade, then festivities downtown for the Hometown Christmas celebration, and the events ended late in the evening with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall.



CIP Projects: Staying Up to Date

Rockwall residents know there is a lot of progress happening here—in various stages of completion. To keep up to date on the latest information about City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), visit Rockwall.com/CIP.asp or find the link on the front page of the City's website at Rockwall.com.

If you would like to receive email updates on a particular road project when new information is available, please sign up for email notifications on the CIP webpage under the project of interest.

Turn off Your Outside Water for Winter

Our water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District, reminds us that irrigation systems should be turned off in the winter months and used only if needed. As your lawn naturally goes into dormancy with the cooler temperatures, the need for watering dramatically decreases. Here are some tips to remember about conserving water in the winter:

- Mulch acts as an insulator against cold temperatures and holds precipitation in the soil.
- Turn irrigation controllers **OFF**. Natural rainfall typically provides enough moisture during this time.
- Turning off sprinkler systems helps prevent water run-off that can freeze on streets and sidewalks.



Simplifying the Process of Recycling

The City of Rockwall's garbage and recycling partner, Republic Services, is reaching out to educate the community about smarter ways to reduce waste. They have a state of the art processing center in Plano where items are gathered and sent off to their various locations around the region to be recycled.

Interest in recycling has grown in recent years, and Republic Services has created a website to help consumers stay on top of the latest recycling information: recycling.simplified.com.

