

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL **SATURDAY MAY 17 2025**

JOSH TURNER
8:00 PM



HARRY MYERS PARK
945 E. WASHINGTON

KIDZ KORNER

GROUNDS OPEN AT 1:00 PM

FOOD VENDORS



WILLIAM W.B. BECKMANN
6:30 PM

WILL JONES
5:30 PM

Josh Turner to Headline Rockwall's 2025 Founders Day Festival

Rockwall's biggest community celebration is back! The Founders Day Festival is set to take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Harry Myers Park, promising a day full of fun, food, and fantastic live music. This year's festival will feature an exciting lineup, including Will Jones at 5:30 PM, William Beckman at 6:30 PM, and country music star Josh Turner taking the stage at 8:00 PM.

The festivities kick off at 1:00 PM, with the Kidz Korner, food vendors, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. Families and friends are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, grab a bite from local vendors, and enjoy a night of live music under the stars.

"Founders Day is one of our most cherished traditions," said Mayor Johannesen. "It's a time for our community to come together, celebrate our history, and enjoy incredible live music. We can't wait to see everyone there!"

For more details and event updates, follow the City of Rockwall on social media or visit https://www.rockwall.com/event_foundersday.asp.

City Council Candidate Forum

The City of Rockwall will host a Candidate Forum for the contested Rockwall City Council seats in the upcoming election. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:00 PM at The Center (108 E. Washington St., Rockwall, TX 75087). The event will be open to the public and also live-streamed so residents have ample opportunity to view the forum.

The City Council General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing three City Councilmembers – one each for Places 1, 3, 5, and Mayor. Terms for all elected City Councilmembers are for a period of two years.

The following candidates will appear on the May 3 ballot: (Candidate names listed in order of which they filed)

Mayor

Clarence L. Jorif
Tim McCallum
Adam Khan

Place 1

Richard W. Henson
Eric S. Smith
Catherine A. Casteel
Scott Johnson

Place 3

Melba L. Jeffus
Jules Corder IV

Place 5

Caren J. Williams
Dennis Lewis
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Candidate filings may be found on the City Secretary webpage at <https://www.rockwall.com/citysec.asp>.

Early voting runs from Tuesday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 29. Election Day is Saturday, May 3. Please direct questions regarding ballots by mail, voter registration, designated voting locations, voter identification requirements, absentee voting, etc. to the county elections office at <https://www.rockwallvotes.com/>.



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INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES



TxDOT is launching significant projects in Rockwall, including the widening of I-30 bridges over John King Blvd and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. Expect on-ramp closures to the Interstate. These upgrades will involve adding lanes in the center of the existing bridges. Both eastbound and westbound frontage roads between Ridge Road and Hwy 205 will undergo transformations. TxDOT will lay down temporary pavement to facilitate traffic while the current roads are being revamped. The substructure for the I-30 eastbound frontage road on the lake is nearing completion, and drilling has started on the westbound side. Residents should expect various lane closures on I-30 and the adjoining frontage roads as these expansions and improvements take place. For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>



Stay in the loop with Rockwall ISD! The District is excited to introduce a new e-mail communication specifically designed for community members and local businesses: Rockwall ISD Connections.

What can you expect?

This email communication will highlight news and topics about Rockwall ISD, including:

- District updates
- Current & upcoming events
- Academics, arts, sports and more

If you'd like to receive Rockwall ISD Connections, please fill out the form here: <https://www.rockwallisd.com/community1/rockwall-isd-connections>

APPLY NOW



PET OF THE MONTH

Emmett

Hi! I'm Emmett! I'm an approximately 8 month old, male, Dutch Shepherd/Lab mix. I was found in October and never reclaimed. I consider myself a big, strong boy with a dazzling personality, I love to be silly and play. I am a confident guy and walk well on a leash and have yet to meet a stranger. I love kids of all ages as long as they can keep up at play time! I get along well with my brothers, but if you have another dog in the home, a meet and greet is encouraged to make sure we get along. I have been searching for my furr-ever home for over 120 days and am now considered a Diamond Dog! My adoption fee is \$75. I am neutered, microchipped, current on my rabies vaccination, basic boosters to date and heartworm negative.

1825 Airport Road, Rockwall, TX 75087

Tel: (972) 771-7750 ext. 2



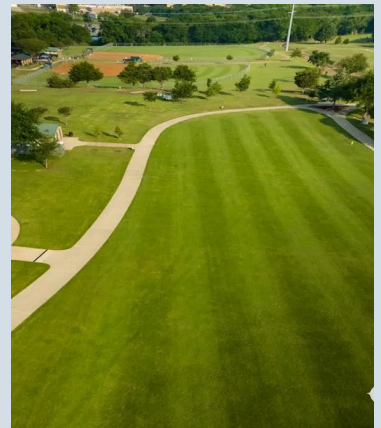
Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC

With spring's arrival, it's time to give your lawn the attention it needs to thrive. Start by scalping your turfgrass at least one inch lower than where you finished last season. This removes dormant brown grass and allows new growth to emerge more easily. Ideally, Hybrid Bermudagrass should be maintained at 1 to 2 inches, while St. Augustine thrives at 2 to 4 inches.

Fertilization is key to a strong lawn. The first application should be made when about 50% of your grass has turned green, typically before April 1st. Continue fertilizing in March, June, July, and October, applying 1 to 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet during each cycle to maintain a yearly total of 4 to 6 pounds. Your lawn also needs about 1 inch of water per week, whether from rainfall or irrigation. To encourage a dense, weed-resistant turf, aim to mow twice per week throughout the growing season.

Did you know? Turfgrass doesn't actively start growing until the combined daytime and nighttime temperatures reach at least 140°F. Keep an eye on the weather, and get ready for a lush, green lawn this spring!



Mark your Calendar

Animal Shot Clinic - March 29
Harry Myers Park

Founders Day - May 17
Harry Myers Park

Check out more events online
<https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp>

SNAP Easter Egg Hunt - April 5
Yellow Jacket Park

Concerts by the Lake - Kick Off on May 1
The Harbor
Thursday nights, May - July

Spring Eggstravaganza - April 12
The Harbor

San Jacinto Music Series - Kick Off on May 2
San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
Friday and Saturday nights, May - Sept

Fishing Derby - April 26
Harry Myers Park

