

# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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## Heroes Memorial Park *Grand Unveiling*

The City of Rockwall is proud to announce the overwhelming success of the Heroes Memorial Park unveiling ceremony, which took place on Saturday, September 21st. More than 300 people, including first responders from across the state of Texas, came together to honor the lives of first responders and veterans who have died by suicide.

The ceremony was a heartfelt tribute, bringing attention to the mental health challenges faced by those in public service. First H.E.L.P., a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, partnered with the City to create this lasting memorial. The event not only honored the fallen but also provided support to the families and loved ones who attended from across the country.

Heroes Memorial Park is now open to the public, offering a place of reflection and remembrance for all who visit. The City of Rockwall extends its deepest thanks to everyone who participated in making this event a success and invites the community to continue visiting the memorial to honor the brave men and women it represents. 1120 W Rusk St, Rockwall, TX 75087



## Music Friendly Community

The Texas Music Office (TMO) has been a vital supporter of the Texas music industry for over 30 years, playing a significant role in fostering economic development through music.

In 2023 alone, music-related businesses and education in Texas contributed nearly 90,000 jobs, generating \$4.6 billion in earnings and driving \$10.8 billion in economic activity. This impressive impact underscores the importance of a thriving music scene not, only for artists but, also for local economies.

Rockwall is proud to join the ranks of Texas cities as the 64th recipient of the Music Friendly Texas designation, signaling a strong commitment to supporting and growing the local music industry. This achievement not only highlights Rockwall's dedication to attracting music-related business opportunities but also connects to the city's existing music events, such as the Concert by the Lake and the San Jacinto Music Series. To commemorate this milestone, on September 13, 2024 The Texas Music Office, Visit Rockwall, and the City held a special recognition celebration before the San Jacinto music concert. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Visit Rockwall and all the partners involved in securing this certification, as their hard work and dedication have made this accomplishment possible.

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# SCARE ON THE SQUARE

OCTOBER 26 | 2:00PM-5:00PM

**Trick-or-Treating**  
**Inflatables**  
**Bounce Houses**

**Hay Maze**  
**Pet Costume Contest**  
**& More**

**DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL**

City of Rockwall  
Parks and Recreation

PLAYROCKWALL.COM





# INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's next major projects in Rockwall include the construction of a new half of the Horizon Rd bridge, followed by the removal and replacement of the existing side. Once completed, this will expand the bridge to feature three lanes in each direction, two U-turn lanes, and sidewalks on both sides, significantly improving traffic flow and pedestrian access. The Horizon Road interchange is scheduled to complete in late 2026. Additionally, updates to the Ridge Road bridge are planned, which may necessitate nighttime closures. Residents should also anticipate various lane closures on the I-30 frontage roads as TxDOT prepares these areas for expansion and drainage improvements. As progress continues, check [drivetexas.org](https://drivetexas.org) for daily lane closures. The work is part of TxDOT's "Texas Clear Lanes" effort to relieve congestion in major metropolitan areas.

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[https://www.rockwall.com/news\\_i30.asp](https://www.rockwall.com/news_i30.asp)



## FIRE Open House Oct. 19

Join the fun at Rockwall Fire Station 2 for a blast with the whole fam! Get ready for bounce houses, master the art of fire extinguishers, snag some freebies, and catch a sneak peek of the fire engine and ladder truck.



APPLY

NOW



Barry and the Soulflakes  
October 10th

Texas Flood  
October 17th

Rockwall  
Philharmonic Orchestra  
October 24th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
ROCKWALL HARBOR



## HONORING HERITAGE & HEROES



At the City Council meeting on September 16th, we were proud to recognize two important observances with special proclamations. The first proclamation honored United States Constitution Week, celebrating the founding principles that continue to shape our nation. The second proclamation recognized American Legion Day, paying tribute to the American Legion's ongoing dedication to supporting veterans and strengthening our community.

October is the perfect time to prepare your landscape for the colder months ahead. Start by applying a balanced fertilizer, like a 20-5-10 mix, in October, ensuring your grass has the nutrients it needs to develop strong roots for winter. It's also crucial to apply a fall pre-emergent in October to prevent winter weeds, but make sure to follow label instructions carefully to avoid damaging your turf.

Adding a fresh layer of mulch in your flower beds will help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and protect your plants' root systems from harsh winter temperatures.

Once deciduous trees have shed their leaves, it's an ideal time for pruning to maintain their health and shape. Late October to early November is also the window for planting winter annuals like Pansies and Violas, allowing their roots to mature before the frost. These fall tasks will give your landscape a head start, ensuring a lush, healthy lawn and garden come spring.

## Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



## Mark your Calendar

### Harmony at the Harbor - Oct 10, 17, 24

Join us for live music at The Harbor, 7pm-9pm  
2059 Summer Lee Dr, Rockwall, TX 75032

### Rockwall Fire Department Open House - Oct 19

Fun for the whole family, 9am-2pm  
920 Rockwall Pkwy, Rockwall, TX 75032

### Scare on the Square - Oct 26

Trick-or-Treating, Inflatables, Bounce Houses,  
Hay Maze, Pet Costume Contest, & More  
Downtown Rockwall, 2pm-5pm  
101 E Rusk St, Rockwall, TX 75087

### Hometown Christmas - December 7

Parade 9am, Theme: My Favorite Christmas Movie  
Register your float: <https://rockwallkiwanis.org/>  
Downtown Events 10am-5pm  
Food trucks, snow hill, pictures with Santa, and more!  
City Hall Tree Lighting 6pm-8pm  
Crafts, live music, sweet treats, and more  
385 S Goliad St, Rockwall TX 75087



<https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp>

