



# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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## Hazardous Waste Changes Coming

The City of Rockwall has partnered with a new local company, HHW Solutions, Inc., to provide service for household hazardous materials, and the system is expected to be more convenient for residents than the previous once-a-year method.

Starting June 1, City of Rockwall residents will be able to call and schedule a porch pickup of hazardous materials—at their own home. The same types of items can be disposed as before.

Pickup will be scheduled each Wednesday on a first come first served basis. And once the weekly spots are filled, the resident will be scheduled for the following Wednesday. Please see the attached insert for more information about the new process.



## Pickleball Courts Now Open

The long anticipated pickleball courts are now open! The three brand new courts are located at Harry Myers Park, near the swimming pool.

The paddle sport is a combination of tennis, ping pong and badminton. What's truly unique about the amenity in Rockwall is that the courts are all covered—to protect players from harsh sun.

The courts can be used on a first come first served basis. For more information, you can contact the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department at [playrockwall.com](http://playrockwall.com).

## Happening Around Town

### Thursdays-Saturdays, May 2-October 26

*San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.*

### Saturdays, May 4-September 28

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

### Thursday, May 30

*Concert by the Lake Series, The Mix Tapes, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.*

### Friday, June 28

*Family Fun Friday, Harry Myers Park, 101 Dalmatians, 6 p.m.*

### Friday, July 26

*Family Fun Friday, The Harbor, Hook, 6 p.m.*

*For more information:  
[Rockwall.com](http://Rockwall.com), [PlayRockwall.com](http://PlayRockwall.com)*

## Out and About in Rockwall



### Public Safety Telecom Week

The Rockwall City Council presented a proclamation to the dedicated 911 operators who work hard every day to keep our city safe. Public Safety Telecommunications Week highlights the efforts of the unseen first responders who make split second decisions in high stress situations to save countless lives.



### National Day of Prayer

The City of Rockwall hosted three separate events in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, starting with the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast in the morning, a midday event and new this year, an evening prayer event. Mayors from cities throughout Rockwall County attended.



### Celebrating the Boys & Girls Club

Mayor Jim Pruitt, Fire Chief Kenneth Cullins and a group of Rockwall firefighters were on hand recently to help kickoff Boys & Girls Club Week at the Rockwall Club.

The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing the vital role the BGC plays in the lives of area students.



### Public Water System Celebration Day

**Did you know?** The City of Rockwall Water Department has been recognized for the superior water they provide for residents. The Rockwall City Council issued a proclamation to honor the department for their excellence, declaring *Rockwall's Public Water System Celebration Day*. Every three years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) conducts an in-depth inspection of our city's local water system. During this year's evaluation, the TCEQ recognized once again that the processes and procedures utilized to deliver water to Rockwall residents exceed their testing standards.



### Founders Day Festival 2019

The long awaited Annual Founders Day Festival 2019 happens on Saturday, May 18 at Harry Myers Park. There will be a phenomenal lineup of live music performances all day leading up to the headliner Joe Ely and opening act Ray Wylie Hubbard on the Southwest Kia Rockwall Stage.

- 10 a.m. Ira Bradford and Bustin' Loose
- 11:45 a.m. Madison Paige
- 1:30 p.m. The Rockmollies
- 3:30-5 p.m. Coral Creek

Be sure to come hungry, because there will be a variety of festival food options available, including street tacos, turkey legs, hot dogs and funnel cakes, just to name a few. Visit [playrockwall.com](http://playrockwall.com) for more.

## Love Your Landscaping... Caring for Your Trees

Trees are a great addition to any landscape. And there are a few simple rules to follow to keep them beautiful for years to come. For starters, proper pruning is crucial to a healthy tree. It's key to remember that trees should be trimmed for corrective or preventive issues and not for aesthetics. Any and all cuts are still serious wounds to the tree.

- A tree should never be "topped" for any reason.
- Trees need additional fertilization like the rest of your landscape.
- A tree is not dead just because the leaves turn brown.
- Never prune your tree during a drought, unless there is a hazard or safety concern.
- Most importantly: Water, water, water!

