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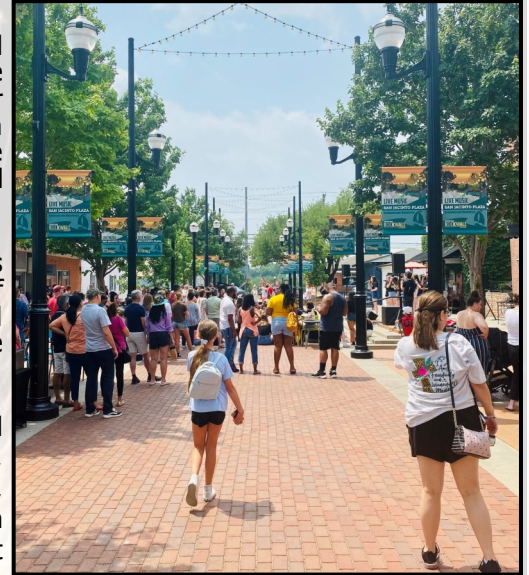
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Rockwall Receives 2022 Main Street America Accreditation

For the 13th year in a row, the City of Rockwall has been designated as an Accredited Main Street America™ program for meeting rigorous performance standards in the Historic Downtown Rockwall District. Rockwall has received accreditation every year since Main Street Manager Bethany Browning was hired in 2009. Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of accredited programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization.

This accreditation means Rockwall has an exemplary Main Street program, as evidenced by partnerships with organizations such as the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Rockwall Association, responsible for many of the annual events on the Square, and the Friends of Downtown Rockwall, which runs the Rockwall Farmers Market.

Rockwall's Historic Downtown District supports thriving small, local businesses and continues to truly be the backbone of the City. Since 2009, along with its partners, Rockwall Main Street has developed and expanded a whole host of special events, including the San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Scare on the Square, Hometown Christmas, and Rockwall Farmers Market. These annual events generate excitement and draw patrons to downtown restaurants and businesses, as well as nurture the small town culture which makes Rockwall so attractive.



Local Students Explore at Police Camp

Once again, the Rockwall Police Department has reached out to educate, inform and inspire students in the community. All summer, the PD is hosting their annual Summer Safety Camp for local students going into grades 4-5.

The camp is free, and each group attended a week-long session to learn more about police operations and procedures. In addition, the instructors also covered safety and other important topics such as social media safety, first aid, stop the bleed, alcohol and drug abuse awareness, bullying, and physical fitness. The students also learn about Patriot Paws, the nonprofit organization benefitting veterans.

A class favorite is when the young cadets have the opportunity to interact with members of the Rockwall PD SWAT team, traffic officers and K-9 unit.



Happening Around Town

Fridays-Saturdays, May 6-October 29

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 7-9:30 p.m.

Saturdays, May 7-September 24

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

Thursdays, May 12-July 28

Concert by the Lake Series, The Harbor (2059 Summer Lee), 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, July 22

Family Fun Friday, Splash Day (no movie), Shores Park (2358 Shores Blvd.), 6 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Family Fun Friday, Air Bud Golden Receiver, Northshore Park (609 Highland Dr.), 6 p.m.

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

Out and About in Rockwall



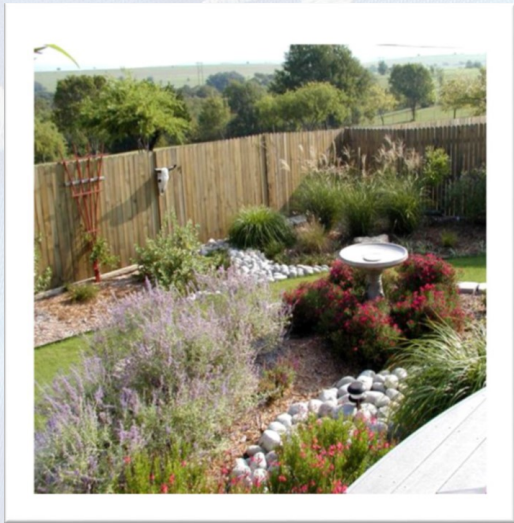
Mayor for the Day

Mayor Kevin Fowler recently hosted 3rd grader, Declan Bailey, as Mayor for the Day. He won the opportunity at his school fundraiser this past spring. Declan had a full day of fun, learning what the role of Mayor of the City of Rockwall entails, touring the Fire and Police Departments, Main Street, and Animal Services, just to name a few.



Concerts by the Lake End July 28

Every year the Concerts by the Lake (CBTL) Series draws thousands of music lovers from miles around. Since they began more than 20 years ago, the concerts have become a fixture at The Harbor every Thursday during the summer. Although CBTL closes on July 28, look for more entertainment on the horizon next summer.



Consider Texas SmartScape™

Did you know? Texas SmartScape™ provides design, care, and plant search tools that are "Smart" for North Central Texas. Plants require less water, which helps with conservation, and improves storm water runoff by decreasing the amount of pesticides, fertilizer and herbicides used in traditional landscaping. For more information, please see txsmartscape.com. Additional benefits include:

- Aesthetic – Looks good year round with little effort
- Ecological – Attracts butterflies, birds, beneficial animals
- Economic – Requires less fertilizer and water
- Stress Relief – Less worry about plants and flowers wilting

Love Your Landscape - Surviving a Drought

There are a number of ways to help your landscape survive a drought. Here is a brief list to get you started:

- Make sure you have mulch in place to retain moisture
- Water deep and infrequently to encourage deep root system
- Don't prune trees, unless it is a safety hazard
- Fertilize at lower rates to keep grass as healthy, as possible
- Try to avoid planting any new plants or trees in the landscape until fall
- Put potted plants in shade temporarily
- Don't water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. when water loss through evaporation is highest
- Check your irrigation system to make sure it is functioning properly

