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Rockwall Invites Residents to Once Again Go Outside and Play

The City of Rockwall wants residents to know that many amenities are back open and ready for use. The City Council voted to officially reopen the majority of public facilities and reinstate outdoor events and programs. As the COVID-19 outbreak began, per Governor Greg Abbott's orders, the City of Rockwall took a number of steps to ensure the safety of residents, including cancelling public events and programs, closing public restrooms, and removing basketball nets, all to discourage public gatherings. Now the City is inviting residents to once again Go Outside and Play! Here is a list of things that are once again available for public use:

- Myers and Foxchase spray parks open
- Pickleball courts open
- Dog Park open
- Swings reinstalled
- Basketball rims reinstalled
- Water fountains on
- Restrooms open



San Jacinto Plaza Music Returns!

The San Jacinto Plaza Music Series is once again entertaining concert goes in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The sought after singer-songwriter music series runs every Thursday-Saturday from 6-9 p.m. through October. It's nice to have the Plaza filled with music again. As residents and guests shop, dine or stroll, they can enjoy the sounds that help make Rockwall the Free Live Music Capital of Texas. For safety, the tables have been positioned at least six feet apart to keep everyone socially distanced. For more details about the performances every week, please visit Rockwall.com/mainstreet.

New Councilmember Sworn-in for Place 6

The Rockwall City Council has selected Anna Campbell to fill the Place 6 vacancy. A 30-year Rockwall resident, Ms. Campbell is an awarded educator who is dedicated to service in the community. She is a Rockwall High School Spanish teacher and plays an active role with several charitable and civic organizations, including Rockwall Noon Rotary, Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Texas, Rockwall County Republican Women, and Rockwall Women's League.

Ms. Campbell has been a Rockwall Independent School District educator for 20 years, having taught bilingual kindergarten and first grade, middle school and high school Spanish and ESL, as well as AVID at RHS. Additionally, she is a sponsor for the RHS Interact Club, which connects high school students with Rotarians and various service projects. Among her many awards for teaching, she has been named Teacher of the Year and the Hawk Most Influential Teacher.

Of her selection, Ms. Campbell said, "I am passionate about my hometown, and honored to step into this new role representing Rockwall residents in this capacity."



Out and About in Rockwall



Concerts by the Lake are Back

After a delayed start due to the COVID-19 closures, the Concert by the Lake Series is back in full force, and music lovers are clearly happy for the return. While everyone has been cautious to keep a six foot distance, the lively crowds are dancing and singing along with the performers. It is noteworthy that there seem to be more boats gathering in The Harbor this year than ever before to enjoy the weekly events, maybe as a way to experience the concerts and keep a safe distance at the same time. For a complete list of the summer lineup, you can visit PlayRockwall.com.



Visitors Welcomed Downtown for Farmer's Market

Residents were happy to return to the Rockwall Farmer's Market in Historic Downtown. The official opening of the 12th annual event was met with eager vendors and hungry patrons, wearing masks and social distancing. As with everything these days, this year's event looks a lot different. For starters, the opening was delayed from May to June, vendors have been put on rotating schedules to lessen the weekly number and accommodate better social distancing, and new hand washing stations have been installed for safety. The Farmer's Market runs every Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. through September. For more information, please visit RockwallFarmersMarket.org.

Love Your Landscape... and Your Automatic Sprinkler System

It's that time of year when watering your landscape becomes critical. The problem is that many people typically over-water their lawns and landscapes. Automatic irrigation systems are one of the best inventions, but they are only as good as the person operating them. There is a big misconception that you can "set it and forget it," and that's far from the case. In fact, it often leads to wasting water. Most systems only operate at night and are never seen in operation by the owner, which means any problems will usually go unnoticed. Instead, you should turn on your system once a week and run through the zones to identify any leaks or broken heads that are only malfunctioning when the system is in operation. Here are some tips:

- Apply 1" of water per week for a happy and healthy landscape.
- If it rains, turn off your system that week. Mother nature provided the weekly water.
- Never water between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Water is lost to evapotranspiration.

Sample summer sprinkler settings:

- Tuesday and Friday *Evenly spread your water days out during the week.*
- 5:00 a.m. start *Don't let lawn sit wet all night, which can cause disease.*
- Zone setting: 15 to 20 minutes per spray zone*
- Zone setting: 25 to 30 minutes on rotor zones*

* Shade / sun, slope, and plant material may alter these settings.

