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Rockwall Gets Back to Business

It may be an understatement to say that Rockwall residents were elated to finally step out of quarantine. As soon as Texas Governor Greg Abbott began the phased reopening of the state, and lifted restrictions on retail, restaurants and all forms of business, people were happy to get outside again and back to life as (somewhat) normal.

One of the things so many of us missed most, and one of the first places people flocked to, was a local hair salon for a much needed haircut. As detailed by the Governor's office, many salons and stylists donned masks and requested that their clients do the same. It is the hope that the guidelines will help keep us healthy and safe, as we work together to rebuild our economy to the place it was only a few months ago.



Farmer's Market is Coming Back

The highly anticipated Rockwall Farmer's Market is slated to launch for the 2020 season on Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m.-12 noon. However, as with everything else, COVID-19 has affected how the market will operate. The vendors will be spread out to accommodate social distancing guidelines. All the favorite vendors will be there, but some will be on an alternating schedule. Kaufman Street will be closed to traffic so that some vendors can be stationed on the street. Another new development is that customers are encouraged to order ahead for pick up. For more information, visit their website: rockwallfarmersmarket.org.



City Council Members Sworn In

Two incumbent councilmembers were sworn in to the Rockwall City Council. The scheduled May election was cancelled after no incumbents drew opponents.

Councilmember John Hohenshelt (pictured top left) was reelected to Place 2, and Councilmember Trace Johannesen (pictured above right) was reelected to Place 4. After reviewing applications, the City Council is conducting interviews and will then appoint a new Councilmember to fill the vacant seat for Place 6.

Out and About in Rockwall



Awarding Excellence in the Rockwall Police Department

The Rockwall PD presented several awards to recognize and honor outstanding members of their department. The PD presented Sergeant Michael Noland (pictured above left) with the Life Saving Bar for his successful response to a medical emergency that saved a life of a Rockwall resident. When Sgt. Noland arrived first on the scene, the man had suffered a heart attack and was unconscious, so he started CPR. When Rockwall County EMS arrived, they utilized the defibrillator, and said that without Sgt. Noland's swift actions, the patient's outcome would've been gravely different.

Rockwall PD presented Officer Heather McAuley (pictured above center) with the Police Commendation Bar for assisting the Richardson PD and several other agencies to apprehend a hijacked DART bus with a hostage on board. The assailant was armed, firing multiple rounds at police officers as they approached Rockwall city limits on SH 66. Officer McAuley stopped traffic at the intersection of SH 66 and Lakeshore Drive, and directed drivers to shelter in place and lie down in their cars to keep them safe.

Rockwall Police Officer Mathew Joseph (pictured above right) received the Meritorious Conduct Bar for his actions during the same incident in pursuit of the hijacked DART bus. As the bus approached, the suspect was firing rounds and Officer Joseph acted quickly to stop traffic and deploy stop sticks. When he realized the sticks were in the wrong lane to stop the bus, Officer Joseph ran to reposition them just in time, all while shots were fired directly at officers. His actions saved multiple lives of those on the bus, fellow officers and onlookers as well.

Public Works Week—Honoring All Frontline Workers



The City Council issued a proclamation honoring City of Rockwall Public Works Employees as part of National Public Works Week. All year long, but especially during the pandemic, the essential employees provide vital infrastructure and services for residents. While the world went into quarantine, Public Works employees were first responders on the frontlines, working long hours on the efficient operation of systems and programs such as water, sanitary and storm sewers, streets and alleys, as well as providing support for various City departments. The health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services.

2019 Water Quality Report

Since 2007, the City of Rockwall has earned a superior rating for its water system. This is the highest ranking that can be achieved, and it means that the water system exceeds the requirements for safe drinking water.



The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual summary of the quality of drinking water provided by the City of Rockwall. The CCR lists all the federally regulated or monitored contaminants that have been found in the drinking water. The EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants, and Rockwall's drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements.

You can view the City of Rockwall's annual water quality report online at rockwall.com/waterqualityreport.asp. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call 972-771-7730 if you would prefer to have a paper report delivered to your home.

Usted podrá acceder el reporte anual de calidad de agua potable de la Ciudad de Rockwall a través del internet en rockwall.com/waterqualityreport.asp. El reporte contiene valiosa información acerca de las fuentes de abasto y calidad de su agua potable. Si desea obtener por correo una copia del reporte de calidad de agua puede solicitar la misma comunicándose al 972-771-7700.