



ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL



The City of Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will be held Sat., May 18, 2024 at Harry Myers Park. Country music artist, Mike Ryan will kick things off at 6:30 p.m. with the Eli Young Band taking the stage at 8:00 that evening. Visitors will enjoy an array of family activities, including bounce houses for the kids, food trucks and more. Be watching for more details to come. But - for now...



Happening Around Town

Senior Living True Talk Series:

Tax, Financial, & Legal Issues

Thursday, April 25 11 AM - 12:30 PM

The Center (108 E. Washington St.)

RSVP to: (469) 887-1136 or

seniorlivingtruetalk@gmail.com

Animal Shot / Vaccinations Clinic

Saturday, April 6 10 AM - 12 PM

Harry Myers Community Center

(815 E. Washington St.)



Starting in May...

- San Jacinto Music Series
- Farmers Market
- Concerts by The Lake

CITY CANCELS ITS MAY 4 GENERAL ELECTION

The Rockwall City Council recently called an election to be held in May for the purpose of electing three city council members. The deadline to file to run and have your name appear on the ballot has now passed. Incumbents Mark Moeller, Sedric Thomas and Anna Campbell drew no opponents. As a result, the city's May election has been cancelled. The three council members will be administered their Oath of Office at the May 20 regular city council meeting (6:00 p.m. at City Hall - 385 South Goliad Street). Congratulations to these newly elected city officials.



MARK MOELLER
Place 2



SEDRIC THOMAS
Place 4



ANNA CAMPBELL
Place 6



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Places 1, 3, 5 and the mayor are elected in odd-numbered years, with Places 2, 4 and 6 being elected in even-numbered years. A council member initially elected to one of the seats in Places 1 - 6 who then becomes Mayor may serve a total of four consecutive terms on Council. Once a council member's maximum term in office has been reached, he or she must 'sit out' for one full year before the possibility of seeking re-election. For more information about the Rockwall City Council, please visit their webpage online at www.rockwall.com/council.asp.

Did You Know?

Rockwall City Council members are elected at large under a place system. This means no individual, geographical districts exist concerning representation of elected officials. With no districts in place, all seven council members, including the mayor, serve and represent all citizens and businesses of the city. Members of Council serve two-year terms and may serve a maximum of six consecutive years before they're considered termed out.



PHASE 2 OF *PICTURE THIS* PUBLIC ART PROJECT KICKS OFF

For the initial phase of the City's *Picture This* project, a larger than life photo frame was designed, constructed and installed in the public area at The Harbor. The Rockwall City Council recently approved a request from the City's ART Commission for additional oversized picture frames to be installed at The Park at Fox Chase, Harry Myers Park, and the Park at Emerald Bay. Each frame is uniquely designed and strategically placed in an effort to compliment the beauty and picturesque surroundings of the park in which it is located. The hope is to attract patrons, residents and visitors while also generating excitement about interactive public art.



Members of the City's ART Commission, along with Mayor Johannesen and Councilmember Lewis, recently attended the ribbon cutting at The Harbor.



It is believed that a famous park in France has inspired some Harbor visitors to place small padlocks on fencing along the shoreline. In keeping with traditions believed to have been birthed in France, many write their names on the locks, close them up on the fence and forevermore seal their love for one another. While these are sweet gestures, unfortunately, fencing at The Harbor was not designed to bear the weight of so many locks over time. City staff cuts and removes 100-200 locks per year to try and maintain the integrity of the fencing and preserve its longevity over time.

The photo frame at The Harbor was not only designed with scenery and photo opportunities in mind, it was also designed with a solution in mind. Visitors are welcome to attach small padlocks to it, as its design can bear the necessary weight, and it was intentionally crafted with this purpose in mind. Be watching for updates on future photo frame installations at the three additional parks within the city.

LAWN CARE TIP

Mow. Mow. Mow! It's that time of year again. Make sure your mower has a sharp blade to start the season. Ensure irrigation systems are functioning properly, and test them monthly. Fertilize in mid-March to April, applying 1.25 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Recommended mower height cuts are:

- Hybrid Bermuda: .5" to 1.5"
- Common Bermuda: 1.5" to 2"
- St. Augustine: 2.5" to 4"
- Zoysia: 1.25" to 2.0"

Mow at least twice weekly, changing your mow direction or pattern each time.

Happy Spring!

Members of Rockwall's 55 and Better community recently enjoyed a delightful afternoon filled with tasty food, smiles, and vendors at the monthly Senior Luncheon, held at The Center (108 E. Washington). The lunches are one of several programs aimed to keep seniors within our community active and involved. For more information on senior programs or other Parks & Rec. related programs, including event registrations, please visit www.playrockwall.com or call The Center at (972) 771-7740.

