



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

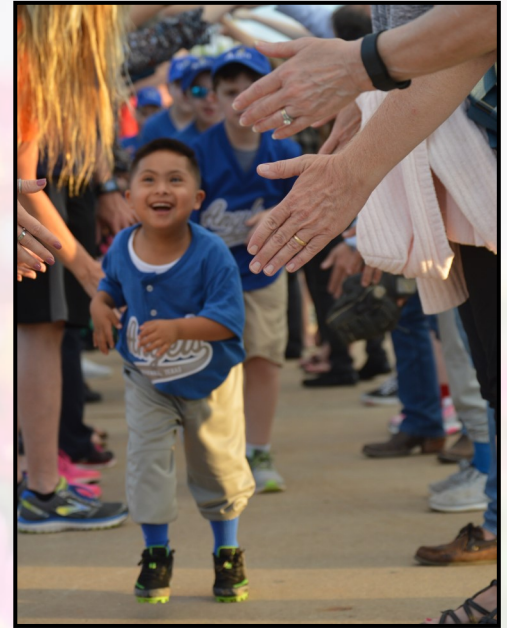
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Angel League Starts New Season

The arrival of spring is a wonderful sight, and more welcome this year than most. The transition from cold weather to warmer sunny days typically means fun in the sunshine—and baseball season has begun once again. For more than 20 years, the Angel League baseball program has been a beacon of hope for special needs players and their families.

To help kick off the season, members of the Rockwall Kiwanis Club were there to support the players and lend a hand. The Kiwanis Club sponsors the League and provides the uniforms and coordinates all the activities. The City of Rockwall provides the baseball fields and equipment, and local business, Gifts & Awards by LSJ, donates the end of season trophies. Please visit angelleague.org for more information.



Rockwall Offers Junior Fire Academy

The Rockwall Fire Department will offer a Junior Fire Academy again this summer. The FD has planned an educational and fun-filled week for boys and girls ages 8-12. Pre-registration is required, and the spots for the camp filled in one day. The students will gear up like their grown-up counterparts and go to work to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter.

The Junior Fire Academy was not offered last year, due to COVID-19, but in the past, more than 20 campers learned about extrication techniques, and fire prevention, suppression and investigations. Overall, the camp is designed to instill in the young people camaraderie, servant leadership, self-confidence and teamwork.

City of Rockwall Named Large Business Partner of the Year

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce has officially named the City of Rockwall as their Large Business Partner of the Year. Chamber members chose between a handful of nominees, and they selected Rockwall.

According to the Chamber, the award honors an organization that has made a significant impact on the area through leadership, marketing, strategic alliances and contributions. Additionally, the winner demonstrates success and community development for all of Rockwall. Understanding that 2020 was a challenging year for all, and many leaders stepped up in our community to make a difference, the award carries even more significance and Rockwall is honored to have been chosen.



Out and About in Rockwall



Eager Shoppers Head to Spring Fling

An impressive number of shoppers turned out to celebrate Spring Fling. The lively event was hosted by the Downtown Rockwall Association. Business owners in the area stayed open late and welcomed patrons for some friendly shopping and tons of fun. Those who arrived early received swag bags loaded with gifts and lots of treats, supplied by the DRA. Prizes were awarded based on dollars spent. Overall it was a festive evening for people to celebrate Historic Downtown Rockwall.



Rockwall Recognizes National Robotics Week

The Rockwall City Council recently issued a proclamation to recognize National Robotics Week. Students participate in teams that help them engage and learn more about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Teams include the Full Metal Jackets, Half Metal Jackets, and Full Metal Jackets, Jr. Volunteer mentors guide the students in building robots for competitions. They are all leaders dedicated to learning and sharing the excitement of STEM.

Rockwall FD Successfully Completes COVID-19 Vaccines

In an effort to ensure Rockwall County residents received COVID-19 vaccines, the Rockwall Fire Department stepped up as a provider and hosted a number of vaccination clinics to make our community safer. In all, RFD and their partner, Star Wellness, administered 14,500 shots at Lakeshore Church in Rockwall, which graciously donated the use of their facility. The effort was spearheaded by members of the Rockwall Fire Department and City of Rockwall employees, with about 40 volunteers from every city department helping welcome people, facilitate the process, and enter data required by the state.

The City received a huge compliment from one visitor whose employer had tasked him with measuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's mass vaccination clinics. The man said that without a doubt the Rockwall vaccination site was the most efficient and well-run operation of any he had encountered across the state—and that's why he had returned to receive his own shots here.

One of the extra special guests who had been vaccinated at the RFD shot clinic was Ms. Alice, who is 108 years young! She charmed volunteers, who were honored to provide this service to help keep her happy and healthy for many years to come.



Rockwall Embraces Butterfly Gardens!

Did you know that there are seven butterfly gardens and one butterfly meadow in the City of Rockwall? The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to put on your walking shoes, grab your camera or phone, and explore the beauty all around you! If you are interested in joining the volunteers who work to plant, maintain, and keep the butterfly gardens beautiful, you can email Wendy Young at wyoung@rockwall.com. You can learn more about the butterfly gardens and the volunteer program, Volunteers in Parks (VIPs), at PlayRockwall.com.

