



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Sedric Thomas Takes Seat as New Rockwall City Councilmember

At the City Council meeting on Monday, June 5, Sedric Thomas was sworn-in to serve the remaining term in Place 4. The seat became vacant in May, when Trace Johannesen was elected as Mayor. Thomas brings a wealth of experience to the position, having served in many leadership roles, most recently as the Chairman of the Rockwall Planning & Zoning Commission.

Thomas moved to Rockwall with his family in 2017 from nearby Lavon, where he was a past City Councilmember and Planning & Zoning Commissioner. He works for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) as a Financial Operations Manager. A U.S. Army Veteran, he continues to serve on the executive board for Rockwall County Helping Hands. He and his wife, Brooke, have three adult children currently serving in the U.S. Army, and one in elementary school.

Of his appointment, Mayor Johannesen said, "We are thrilled to welcome Sedric to his new role on City Council. His leadership and pragmatic thinking have been on display for us for many years, not just through the Planning & Zoning Commission, but through his selfless service to America in the U.S. Army. His addition will certainly level-up the team and I look forward to his contributions."



Parking in Downtown Rockwall

Have you seen the new signs in and around Downtown Rockwall? There are more coming, too. The sign pictured above marks the parking lots behind The Center (108 East Washington) and City Hall (385 South Goliad). There are actually nearly 600 parking spots in the downtown area, and the City of Rockwall is working to make patrons aware, to make their visits to the Square more convenient and enjoyable.

Rather than drive around looking for a spot next to the Historic County Courthouse or directly in front of businesses, the city encourages parking in one of the free lots, such as the three on the corner of Washington and Fannin, or on the corner of Goliad and Interurban for instance. For a complete list of all available parking downtown, please visit Rockwall.com/mainstreet.asp



Happening Around Town

Thursdays, May-July

Concert by the Lake Series, The Harbor, 7-9 p.m.

Saturdays, May 6-September 30

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

Fridays-Saturdays, May-October

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

Saturday, September 16

Mother-Son Dance, Springhill Suites (The Harbor), 6-9 p.m. *Registration required. Look for details soon at PlayRockwall.com

For more information:
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

Out and About in Rockwall



Local Student Takes Seat as Mayor for a Day

Makenna Murrey stepped into the role of Mayor for a Day today. The 5th grader at Hartman Elementary got a glimpse into the responsibilities of Rockwall Mayor.

While she had a ton of fun visiting with many different city departments, including Main Street, Animal Services, Police and Fire Departments, just to name a few... at the end of the day she said she was happy to turn the keys back over to Mayor Trace Johannesen.



Students Learn about Law Enforcement

This summer, the Rockwall Police Department has hosted their annual Police Summer Safety Camp for Rockwall ISD 4th and 5th grade students.

The camps run seven weeks throughout the summer, and there are about 40 students in each camp. They learn about law enforcement and important safety topics such as social media, first aid, gun safety and drug education.

Storm Season Hits Rockwall - Be Weather Aware



As we've seen recently, severe thunderstorms may form in a matter of minutes, often bringing with them large hail, damaging winds, dangerous tornadoes, lightning, and potentially flash flooding.

It's important to be prepared for severe weather, which includes having an emergency action plan at home, school, and the office.

Rockwall maintains numerous outdoor emergency warning sirens strategically placed throughout the city. Sirens are tested on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m., unless severe weather is in the area. However, these sirens are only used to warn people outdoors of imminent severe weather and to encourage them to

immediately seek shelter. While people indoors may hear them, sirens are not intended to warn people indoors of dangers. In addition, Rockwall County Emergency Management utilizes NIXLE, an emergency notification system that enables users to receive a text message when severe weather is imminent. To sign up for NIXLE, text RCOEM to 888-777 or visit www.nixle.com.

Better With Butterflies

Rockwall is a fan of butterflies! In fact, did you know that the City of Rockwall has eight Monarch Way Stations or Pollinator Gardens and one Butterfly Prairie Meadow? The city takes the Mayor's Monarch Pledge each year with the National Wildlife Federation to develop, preserve and educate residents about butterfly habitat and migration.

In addition, the Pettinger Nature Preserve now has three outdoor educational classrooms to study insects, wildlife and prairie land. When you arrive at any of the parks look for the large butterfly sculptures and signage that identify the gardens. The sculptures were a beautiful addition to the gardens and were a public art partnership with Rockwall students.

Wherever you're looking to roam... put on your walking shoes, grab your camera or phone, and explore the beauty all around you! Email Wendy Young at wyoung@rockwall.com if you would like to join the volunteers who plant and maintain the butterfly gardens.

