

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2026 BUDGET

At its September 15 meeting, the Rockwall City Council adopted on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and property tax rate. The FY 2026 budget runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The adopted tax rate for FY 2026 is \$0.25750 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The \$54 million budget prioritizes investments in public safety compensation, street reconstruction projects, and ongoing park and infrastructure improvements. Key highlights include:

Public Safety Compensation Increases: To help Rockwall remain competitive and retain top talent.

Police Vehicles: Replacement of aging patrol units with nine new vehicles.

Street, Alley, and Sidewalk Improvements: \$3 million for asphalt overlays, concrete repairs, micro surfacing, crack sealing, pavement stabilization, and updated markings.

Park Improvements: \$765,000 for projects such as a full replacement of the Harry Myers spray ground, upgrades to playgrounds and Kidzone, a new sidewalk and fishing pier at the Park at Stone Creek, soccer field enhancements at Henry M. Chandler Park, and new playground equipment at the Park at Foxchase.

New Parks Planning: \$300,000 for master planning of the North and South 50-acre community parks.

The City plans to issue around \$5 million in bonds to be repaid with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue to be spent on repairs at the Harbor boat docks and fountain, as well as additional parking.

For more information about the FY 2026 proposed budget, please visit www.rockwall.com



UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC CHANGES

- A portion of Quail Run Rd will be closed from Thursday, September 25 to Sunday, November 23. The road will be closed between Hays Lane and John King Blvd.
- Beginning September 29, traffic on West Boydston will shift to one-way (westbound) only as construction begins on the West Boydston/Forest Trace Capital Improvement Project, which is planned to take about 18 months. The route may change as the project moves through different phases.

Residents should allow extra travel time and follow posted detours and directional signs. Visit www.rockwall.com for more details.

CHANGES COMING TO TRASH AND RECYCLING AT THE NEW YEAR

City Council has approved a new trash contract with Republic Services, bringing exciting changes to the City's trash and recycling program starting in January 2026. Residents can expect new carts, an updated pickup schedule, and improved service. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.



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INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements, including the widening of the I-30 bridges over John King Blvd. and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. As part of this work, on-ramp closures and lane shifts are expected through the end of the year. Progress continues on the Horizon Rd. Bridge expansion, with traffic now on the new, eastside lanes and construction on the west side.

Speed limits have been reduced to **35 MPH** on all frontage roads within the City limits. Residents and drivers should use extra caution when navigating these lanes and temporary business driveways in the area.

Progress continues on the I-30 eastbound frontage road over the lake, with drilling underway on the westbound side.

For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

HARRY MYERS DOG PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Harry Myers Dog Park will be closed beginning Friday, October 3, 2025, for turfgrass grow-in and maintenance. The park is scheduled to reopen on Monday, November 3, 2025. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this closure as we work to keep the park safe, clean, and enjoyable for all our four-legged friends and their owners.



PET OF THE MONTH: SUNNY



Hi, I'm Sunny, a handsome German Shepherd/Husky mix. I'm about 2 years old and weigh around 50 pounds of pure love and energy. I was surrendered because I don't do well with young kids, so I'm best suited for a home with teens 16 and older who understand my needs. I'm house and crate trained, and I walk nicely on a leash. While I haven't met many other dogs yet, if you have a furry friend at home, a meet and greet is encouraged to see if we're a good match. I'm a big fan of affection and can't wait to meet my forever family who will shower me with love and care. I have been searching for my furr-ever home for 110 days and am now considered a Diamond Dog! My adoption fee is \$75. I'm neutered, microchipped, current on my rabies vaccination and boosters, and heartworm negative. Please fill out an application to come meet me!

Rockwall Animal Adoption Center

825 Airport Road

(972) 771-7750

RockwallAdoptions.com

Preparing Your Landscape For Winter:

1. As soon as temperatures near freezing it will be time to turn your irrigation system off for the winter. This is very important to prevent accidental operation, freezing streets and sidewalks.
2. October to February is the best time to prune your trees and landscape and to dig up and divide your perennial plants.
3. Raise your mower 1/2" to 1" on final few mowings, as this taller mowing height will leave more turf coverage to protect your turfgrass root system if we have extreme winter temperatures. Apply final fertilizer application.
4. October is the best time to plant your winter annuals so they can acclimate and establish before cold temperatures arrive.
5. Apply your pre-emergent mid to late October to prevent winter weeds like Poa Annua and Henbit.

Fun Fact: A single tree can remove more than one ton of CO₂ from the atmosphere over a 40-year lifespan.

TRAVIS' TOOLBOX

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



Mark your Calendar

San Jacinto Music Series

San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
Friday and Saturday nights in Oct.
7pm-9:30pm

Harmony at the Harbor

The Harbor
Oct. 9, 16, 23
7pm-9pm

Holiday Open House - Nov. 13

Downtown Rockwall, 5pm-8pm

Scare on the Square - Oct. 25

San Jacinto Plaza, 2pm-5pm

Hometown Christmas - Dec. 6

Downtown Rockwall, 9am-8pm



Check out more events online

<https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp>