



City Manager Welcome



I am happy to share with you the launch of our new city newsletter. As your City Manager, I am committed to informing you about all our city's exciting developments and events.

The newsletter will feature updates on community projects, upcoming events, important city news, and more. It is designed to keep you connected and engaged with everything that is happening in our wonderful community. Your involvement and feedback are essential in shaping the future of Roanoke.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our city, and I look forward to sharing many great things with you through our new newsletter!

July 3rd All American Fireworks & Festival

Join the City of Roanoke for the annual July 3rd All American Fireworks & Festival in Historic Downtown Roanoke from 5-10 pm. Bring the whole family out for free family fun!

The Kid's Zone, sponsored by FiberFirst, will feature bounce houses, rock climbing, ultimate bungee, and more! Live music with Frequenzia begins at 5 pm, followed by an electrifying performance with Emerald City Band at 8 pm. The unforgettable fireworks display will light up the sky around 9:15 pm.

In addition to the live music, kids' activities, and fireworks, there will be delicious food, vendors, a pie-eating contest, and a vibrant community atmosphere. It's the perfect way to celebrate our nation's independence!

15-Year-Old Recognized for Extraordinary Accomplishments



The City of Roanoke honors the remarkable achievements of one of its own, as a 15-year-old prodigy and entrepreneur, Alena McQuarter, is recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in academia and business.

Alena recently graduated with her Master's Degree with Highest Distinction from Arizona State University, where she majored in Biology. Concurrently, she obtained her Bachelors where she graduated Summa Cum Laude, majoring in Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Global Health.

At the age of 13, she was the youngest African American to ever be accepted to medical school at the University Of Alabama Heersink School Of Medicine. Alena will be pursuing her PhD in Integrated Biomedical Sciences with a focus on infection, immunity, and inflammation at Loma Linda University in California this fall. She will then go on to obtain her doctor of medicine.

At 12, she became the youngest person of color to intern at NASA. Alena went on to launch The Brown STEM Girl Foundation to provide resources and access to other girls of color in STEM while encouraging them to pursue careers in the field. Her organization has provided over \$100,000 in STEM scholarships locally and abroad, as well as funding mental health care access for college students.

Mayor Scooter Gierisch expressed his admiration for Alena's extraordinary accomplishments, stating, "We are incredibly proud to have such a talented and driven young individual like Alena as part of our community. Her dedication, intelligence, and entrepreneurial vision inspire us all, and we are honored to recognize her achievements."

Alena spent the summer of 2023 researching ovarian cancer at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award's lifetime achievement award. Alena hopes to become a viral immunologist and serve communities. As Alena continues to chart her path to success, the City of Roanoke looks forward to witnessing her continued accomplishments and the positive influence she will undoubtedly have on the world around her.

Join us in congratulating Alena on her exceptional achievements and celebrating the bright future that lies ahead for this remarkable young trailblazer. On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Alena will receive a Key to the City as well as a proclamation honoring her achievements.

What: Honoring Alena McQuarter **When:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Roanoke City Council Chambers, 500 S. Oak St., Roanoke 76262

Upcoming Events

All American Fireworks & Festival (Family)

July 3, 2024 | 5:00-10:00 PM
Historic Oak St

Carter Blood Drive (18+)

July 5, 2024 | 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Library

Warriors of History (High Schoolers)

July 9, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Library

Pop-Up Play Date In The Park (Kids)

July 10, 2024 | 8:30-10:30 AM
Cannon Park

Cones With Cops (Family)

July 11, 2024 | 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Bahama Bucks

KGCO Radio Mystery Adventure (Kids)

July 12, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Community Center

Pop-Up Play Date In The Park (Kids)

July 17, 2024 | 8:30-10:30 AM
Parks at Roanoke

African Folk Tales & Poetry (Teens)

July 16, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Library

Brett Roberts Bubble Show (Kids)

July 19, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Community Center

Artificer's Club: Coding Unplugged (Teens)

July 23, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Library

Pop-Up Play Date In The Park (Kids)

July 24, 2024 | 8:30-10:30 AM
Fairplay Park

Silent Reading with Novel Narwhals

July 25, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Library

Karate Dance Party (Kids)

July 26, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Library

Dive In Movie (Family)

July 26, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Community Pool

Crafternoon: Tiny Terrariums (16+)

July 27, 2024 | 2:00 PM
Library (registration required)

For a full list of the July National Parks & Rec Month activities in Roanoke, scan the QR code!



New Business Spotlight

Catch 22 Sports Grill

400 S. Oak St. #100
817-683-0766 | catch22sportsgrill.com

Kid Kakes

206 N. Oak St. #160
817-646-6335 | thekidkakes.com

The Curl Collective

308 N. Oak St. #100
817-637-4799 | thecurlcollective.net

Water Conservation

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| Monday | No Watering Allowed |
| Tuesday & Friday | Non-Residential Sites (Businesses, Apartments, Parks, Common Areas) |
| Wednesday & Saturday | Residential Addresses Ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 |
| Thursday & Sunday | Residential Addresses Ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 |

Tell us what you thought of Roanoke Roundup!



Join #TeamRoanoke

Roanoke provides a warm culture for the staff that serves this community. It's an extension of the small town charm that Roanoke offers in an inviting atmosphere. If you, or someone you know are looking for the next career move, we have opportunities available.

www.roanoketexas.com/jobs

- Recreation Specialist - Aquatics/Camps - Full Time
- Recreation Aide - Senior Center - Part Time

4th of July Fireworks Safety

As we approach the holiday season, many Roanokians look forward to celebrating with fireworks. While these displays can be a thrilling spectacle, it's essential to prioritize safety for yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

First and foremost, it's crucial to understand that setting off fireworks within city limits is not just frowned upon; it's against the law. This law is in place to protect people, property, and pets from the dangers associated with fireworks. Violating this regulation can result in significant fines and other legal consequences. Therefore, it is best to consider attending professional fireworks displays, like the Roanoke July 3rd All American Fireworks & Festival, instead of setting off your own.

Fireworks can be disturbing to pets, children, the elderly, and individuals with PTSD. By following the law and being considerate, you can help ensure that everyone in your community has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

If you see someone setting off fireworks within city limits, you may want to report it to the authorities to help keep your community safe. However, please follow these guidelines:

Only Call 911 for Emergencies: Only call 911 if you physically see someone setting off fireworks that have an immediate safety concern, such as something is on fire, or they are creating a life-threatening emergency.

Non-Emergency Reports: For non-emergency situations such as reporting illegal fireworks use or past incidents, use the non-emergency phone number and keep 911 lines open for emergency calls. When calling, provide the exact address where the incident is happening. Providing a clear and precise location helps the authorities respond promptly and effectively.

Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

Roanoke Visitor Center & Museum



Remember Tonka Trucks and View-Masters? The Roanoke Visitor Center & Museum has installed a new summer exhibit featuring these vintage toys and more! We'll take you back in time to when toys didn't require batteries or a charging cable, just your imagination. The Museum also has a temporary exhibit at City Hall featuring antique medical tools.

If you're looking for Roanoke-branded T-shirts, ornaments, or a Roanoke picture book, they're on sale at the Museum. The Museum also has free brochures from all over the state of Texas, from Dallas and Fort Worth to official state visitor guides and maps.

The Museum is housed in the oldest commercial building in Roanoke: the old Silver Spur Saloon, built in 1886. Today, the beautiful building features dozens of photos and artifacts donated by residents of Roanoke. Located at 114 N. Oak St, operating hours are 10am-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is always FREE.

Vacation House Watch

Roanoke Police provide a security house check service for all residents of Roanoke. This service is available to all residents who will be away for at least three days. The program allows officers and Citizen's on Patrol volunteers to check your home, while you're out of town. To get the full details, visit our website:

www.roanoketexas.com/267

Please Pick Up After Your Pet!

Pet waste is a major source of pollution in local parks, open spaces, trails, and waterways. When it rains, pet waste and the bacteria it contains are washed into storm drains and from there into our creeks and rivers, untreated.

When pet waste is disposed of improperly, water quality isn't the only thing that suffers - your health may be at risk too! Adults working outside in their yards, children playing outside, and family pets are the most at risk of infection from the bacteria and parasites in pet waste.

You can help keep our parks and water clean by:



Picking up pet waste from parks, open spaces, and your yard. Remember, pet waste isn't fertilizer, it's a source of pollution.



Carry disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste in the trash.



Contact the parks department to inquire about providing pet waste bags in parks, along trails, and in public spaces.

