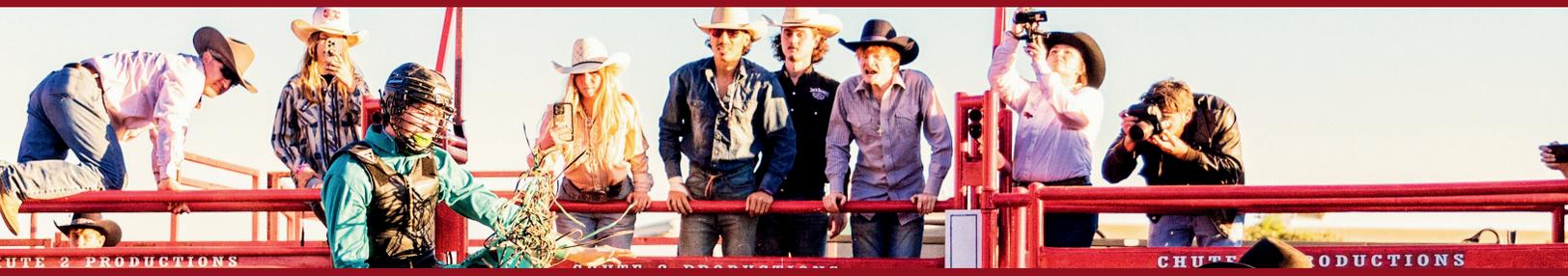




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## Proposed Budget Approved & Tax Rate Remains Steady

Your City Council voted on and passed the 24/25 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. Staff worked diligently to remain fiscally responsible. During the September 10 City Council meeting, the Mayor and Council members unanimously approved the proposed tax rate of \$0.308039 and the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Proposed budget.

The \$84,249,902 million budget includes capital purchases, street improvement and maintenance projects, as well as expanded programs and services.

Some highlights from this upcoming budget include:

- Street Maintenance and Repairs
- Vehicles and Equipment
- Facility Improvements
- A Police Crisis Intervention Unit
- Fire Self-Contained Breathing (SCBA) Replacements (on schedule)

Additionally, the budget allows the city to stay in line with debt services and maintain healthy reserves.

For more information and the full budget, please visit our website: <https://roanoketexas.com/154/Finance-Reports-Budgets>

## Fire Prevention Month

It's October, and that means your Roanoke Fire Department likes to celebrate National Fire Prevention Month!! Fire Prevention Month serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of fire safety and we are big fans of safety. With this month-long observance, we aim to educate individuals, families, and communities on how to prevent fires and protect lives.

The origins of Fire Prevention Month date back to the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which devastated the city and claimed hundreds of lives. In the wake of this tragedy, fire prevention initiatives were established to prevent such disasters from happening again.

Fire prevention starts with awareness. Simple actions like checking smoke alarms, creating escape and communication plans, and safely storing flammable materials can make a significant difference. It's also a great time to practice fire drills at home and work, ensuring that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Together, we can make a positive impact, reducing the risk of fire and keeping our loved ones safe.

Let's make National Fire Prevention Month a time of action, awareness, and safety. We happily welcome you to join us at our Fire Open House on October 5th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn more about what your Roanoke Fire Department does and see fire safety in action.

## Upcoming Events

### Voting 101: How to Register & Vote (Ages 14+)

October 1, 2024 | 6:30 pm  
Roanoke Public Library

### Outdoor Warning Siren Test

October 2, 2024 | 2:00 pm  
City Wide

### Storytime: BATS! (Family)

October 2, 2024 | 6:30 pm  
Roanoke Public Library

### KizArt (Ages 5-10)

October 4, 2024 | 5:00 pm

### All About Bats (Family)

October 5, 2024 | 10:30 am  
Roanoke Public Library

### Roanoke FD Open House (Family)

October 5, 2024 | 11:00 am  
Roanoke Fire Station 1

### Voting 101: How to Register & Vote (Ages 14+)

October 5, 2024 | 2:00 pm  
Roanoke Public Library

### Teen Library Council

October 5, 2024 | 2:00 pm  
Roanoke Public Library

### City Council Meeting

October 8, 2024 | 7:00 pm  
Roanoke City Hall

### Celebrate Roanoke (Family)

October 12, 2024 | 12:00 pm  
Historic Oak Street

### Trunk or Treat (Family)

October 18, 2024 | 4:00 pm  
Roanoke Community Park

### City Council Meeting

October 22, 2024 | 7:00 pm  
Roanoke City Hall

### Crafternoon: Rock Painting (Ages 16+)

October 26, 2024 | 2:00 pm

### Trick or Treat on Oak Street (Family)

October 31, 2024 | 5:00 pm  
Historic Oak Street

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## New Business Spotlight

### Alliance Vapor

316 N Hwy 377  
817-709-4446

### Aromas on Oak

400 S. Oak St. #140  
682-502-4141  
aromasonoak.com

### Distinct 1 Therapy

209 Travis St. #104  
682-549-9702  
distinct1therapy.com

### Frituwhaaa

206 N. Oak St. #110  
817-800-9992  
frituwhaaa.com

### Little Caesars Pizza

610 E. Byron Nelson Blvd.  
#106  
817-767-3327  
littlecaesars.com

### Skyward Construction

105 Denton Dr.

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## Roanoke Visitor Center New Exhibit

The new temporary exhibit is up at the Roanoke Visitor Center & Museum. Fossils, geodes, and gems are on display for the fall through November. In addition, the vintage toys display is now at City Hall and is available for free viewing during operating hours, 8-5:30 Monday-Thursday, and Friday 8-noon.

## Craft & Creation Senior's Group

Feeling crafty or just looking for some friends to chat with? Come join the Craft and Creation Bunch at the Roanoke Senior Center on Thursdays at 1 PM. Bring your own craft or learn about holiday card embroidery— the possibilities are endless.

## Trick or Treat Tips

Halloween is quickly approaching and our officers can't wait! We will have officers patrolling on Halloween night and handing out glow necklaces, but here are some additional tips to make it safe while Trick or Treating:

- Wear reflective tape or stickers
- Carry glow sticks or flashlights to be seen by drivers.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run across the street.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up and never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Stick to familiar areas that are well lit, stay on sidewalks if available, and trick-or-treat in groups.

Here are some tips for drivers:

- Be especially alert and take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Slow down in residential neighborhoods.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car, such as talking on the phone or eating, so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

## Rec Center Membership

Did you realize your Roanoke Recreation Center membership comes with adult fitness classes? Whether you're into H.I.I.T. workouts, yoga, or other fitness activities, there's a wide variety to suit everyone's interests. It's an excellent opportunity to begin your fitness journey or to take your current workout to the next level. Our instructors are among the best and ready to push you to your limits. You can find the schedule in our activity guide on page 20.

## Oak Street Photo Scavenger Hunt

If you want to do something outside in the cooler weather, try our Oak Street Photo Scavenger Hunt or Historical Walking Tour. Either can be done anytime. They are a great way to learn more about our beautiful downtown. Visit the Museum for information. We're located at 114 N. Oak Street. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10-6. Admission is free!

## Skyhawk Sports

This fall, Roanoke Recreation is excited to introduce several new programs with Skyhawks Sports to keep kids active and engaged! Check out our Intro to Running class on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM, perfect for young athletes looking to build their endurance, learn proper running techniques, and develop a lifelong love for the sport. Whether your child is new to running or wants to improve their skills, this class is a fun and supportive way to get moving!

On Saturdays at 10:00 AM, join us for our Flag Football class, where kids can learn the fundamentals of football in a safe, fun, & positive environment. This program emphasizes teamwork, strategy, and skill development, while learning fundamentals like passing, receiving, kicking, and flag pulling.

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities for your kids to stay active and make new friends. Sign up today and let's get moving with Skyhawks Sports!

## Youth Basketball Leagues

Our winter youth basketball leagues are a competitive but fun place for kids from all backgrounds to come together and learn to play the game they love in a positive environment. The league focuses on developing fundamental skills like dribbling, shooting, and teamwork and emphasizes sportsmanship and camaraderie. Coaches are dedicated volunteers who provide guidance on and off the court, fostering a positive environment where each child can grow in confidence and ability. Our leagues not only nurture young athletes but also create lasting memories and friendships that extend beyond the game itself. For more information, please contact the Roanoke Recreation Center at 817-837-9930.

## Fall Activities Guide:

