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Director's Message

Rockdale County Parks and Recreation is pleased to invite the community to two exciting events: the J.P. Carr Gym mural unveiling and the Harlem Legends basketball game.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 p.m. at the J.P. Carr Gymnasium as we unveil an image that represents the historical significance of that community. The canvas is part of the Rockdale Youth Mural Exhibit and is funded by a Georgia Council for the Arts grant.

On Friday, March 16, come to Salem High School for the Hoops and Health Celebrity Basketball Show with the Harlem Legends. A portion of proceeds from this friendly game of hoops will benefit athletic programs at Rockdale County Public Schools.

Sue Sanders



Employee Spotlight



Charles "Cooper" Watts
Aquatics Supervisor
6 Years of Service

Cooper Watts is responsible for maintaining the safety and cleanliness of the aquatic facility at Johnson Park.

He supervises and trains lifeguard staff, monitors the pool's water quality and temperature, checks and adjusts chemical levels, and reports needed equipment or repairs.

Cooper is also responsible for enforcing rules and regulations, responding to water emergencies, and ensuring the pool is well-maintained.

Being a certified lifeguard allows him to combine his knowledge of valuable lifesaving skills with his love of swimming.



Rockdale County has once again achieved certification as a Green Community, advancing to the silver level after first certifying just two years ago.

The green communities initiative is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments implement measures to reduce their environmental impact. It recognizes leadership in sustainability practices and commitment to environmental stewardship.



Upcoming



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, February 27 – J.P. Carr Gym Mural Unveiling

In recognition of Black History Month, Parks and Recreation will unveil an outdoor mural at the J.P. Carr Gymnasium, 90 Hardin Street, at 12:00 p.m. The mural is something unique for the community.

Friday, March 2 – Dr. Seuss Day

Bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book to our Read Across America event as we read and make crafts at Johnson Park to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16 – Hoops and Health Celebrity Basketball Show

The Rockdale County All-Stars take on The Harlem Legends – Globetrotter style – at Salem High School 3551 Underwood Road. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. General admission \$10; VIP meet & greet at 6:00 p.m. \$25.

Fun, Prizes and Family Entertainment!

Saturday, March 17 – Pet Adoptions

Rockdale Animal Control is open from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for animal adoptions, 1506 Rockbridge Road.

Thursday, March 29 – Grannies Goodies Easter Bake Sale

Senior Services will have a spread of tasty treats at the annual bake sale on the front porch of the Board of Commissioners office, 962 Milstead Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Friday, March 30 – National Walk in the Park Day

Come explore the trails at Johnson Park, South Rockdale, Lorraine Trailhead and others as we celebrate National Walk in the Park Day from sunrise to sunset.

Saturday, March 31 – Underwater Egg Hunt

It's egg hunting time! Join Johnson Park staff for a fun-filled egg hunt, crafts and more from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Ages: 2 to 10 years old, \$3.

To register for activities, come by the Johnson Park Recreation Center, 1781 Ebenezer Road, or go online: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/rockdale-county/catalog>

Rockdale County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

In an effort to improve services and guide the future development of programs and facilities, Rockdale County is conducting a strategic parks and recreation master plan. A major component of this process is public input, which includes this community survey.

Your participation in the survey is crucial in determining the future direction and goals of our community's parks and recreation.

Thank you for your time and valuable input.

The link takes you directly to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RockdaleParksPlan>

Congratulations!!

A Rockdale County shelter dog completed testing to become a detection canine for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). These dogs are used at airports and other places to sniff out items that are not allowed on flights, to cross state lines, or to come into the country.

Although Georgia's Sonny Perdue is Secretary of Agriculture, Hitch earned his spot without any preferential treatment. Hitch has also opened up possibilities for future working relationships with the USDA and Rockdale County Animal Control.

It has been 19 years since the last Rockdale dog was selected for the program.

All of the dogs at the USDA National Detector Dog Training Center are adopted from rescue shelters or come to the program from private donations. In addition to their important detection work, agriculture canines are used for public awareness to bring attention to the important role agriculture plays in customs and border protection.

