



Rockwood Update!

Check out what's going on in the neighborhood and the perks of our Recreational Facility park and pool. We've included here what's going on in the neighborhood, information we hope you will find helpful and a few reminders. We look forward to seeing you at a Rockwood event or at the pool!

On the Calendar...

National Night Out – August 11th

Neighborhood Clean Up – Oct. 10

Prairie Fire Marathon – Oct. 11

Monthly Board meetings –

3rd Monday of each month

RRF Patio Room at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting – January 2027 –

More info January newsletter

All Rockwood welcome!!!

Thank you for a Great July 4th!

The day started a little wet but could not dampen the celebratory parade of kids of all ages on bikes, trikes & strollers! And the Pledge of Allegiance in the recently relocated flag pole and the placement of the park benches in honor of Larry Duntz. Thank you to all who helped!



ROCKWOOD BLOCK PARTY!!! National NIGHT OUT

See Your Neighbors!
Swim at the Pool!
Meet Miss Kansas USA,
Joseph Shepard
District 1 City Councilman
& City leaders!

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 11
4PM TO 8PM**

- Food Trucks & Photo Op Arch
- Open to Rockwood Residents Only!
- Meet Miss Kansas USA 2026 Madilynn Becker!

(316) 685-3231 rockwoodneighborhood.org 7547 Rockwood Road

Please consider adding your time and efforts to your neighbors to help make Rockwood events even better!



Neighborhood Clean-Up Day Saturday, October 10

A large commercial dumpster will be in the RRF parking lot first thing Saturday morning, October 10th, until approximately 11:00-12:00. The dumpster fills up quickly, so please get items there early! *Note: If the commercial dumpster has already been removed, please do not overfill or surround the regular RRF dumpster. Hold your items for next available pickup.*

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: General trash and furniture, tree limbs, small electrical appliances. *There is a \$30 fee for mattress disposal.*

WILL NOT ACCEPT: Car batteries, oil filters, tires, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, any asbestos materials, explosives, paint, no hazardous liquids.

Please volunteer to help! Please volunteer to help your neighbors manage the event/unload neighbors' vehicles (and visit a bit).



Making an Improvement to Your Home?

Landscaping and structural improvements to your home are the fastest way to increase the value of your property. As Rockwood is a covenant community, all homeowners are responsible for reading and following the covenants. One of these responsibilities is to seek approval from the Rockwood Board for structural and landscaping improvements to your home.

Fences (new or replacement), decks, additions, sheds and paint color are among the most common improvements that may require approval. As you make updates, please contact HOA Management Services (which has been contracted to oversee daily operations of the neighborhood) to review your plans to determine if approval from the Rockwood Board is necessary. The **Project Approval Form** is available on the Rockwood website or can be requested from HOA Management. The covenants contain more specific information.

A full set of the covenants is available on Rockwood's website.

Help Welcome New Neighbors Just on Your Block!

You have new neighbors down the street? Please help welcome them to the neighborhood! Rockwood will add to your visit a treat and some informational materials to add our welcome. The goal is for each street to have at least one homeowner commit to welcoming those on their block. Please volunteer to help show that Rockwood is a great place to live.

One Meeting a Month...

One meeting a month – pick your area of interest and dig in! Meet your neighbors and keep up on what is going on in your neighborhood. A fresh infusion of viewpoint and energy are vital to help maintain Rockwood as a vibrant and safe neighborhood for our current homeowners, as well as attract the young families moving into our area. The Board works to maintain/enhance Rockwood common properties, maintain covenants, promote safety and provide activities for Rockwood families, while remaining fiscally responsible.

Positions currently available are *secretary* (prepares and maintains minutes for monthly and annual meetings), *neighborhood welcome* and *communications* (one or two people to help monitor and manage Rockwood's gmail account, website and newsletters).

If you wish to join the Board for any position *or just want to help with a special project*, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. *Please come to a meeting, meet members of the Rockwood board and find out what is going on in Rockwood.*

RW's Community Manager at HOA Management is Kaitlin Phillips. Please contact her with questions and/or assistance with landscaping or structural improvements, covenants, assessments, information on the HOA website at 316.351.7650 ext. 230 or KPhillips@homeownermgmt.com.

Rockwood contracts with HOA Management Services <http://www.homeownermgmt.com/> to oversee our neighborhood's daily operations. On its website there is a portal for its neighborhood associations to access their respective information/forms. THIS ACCESS IS NOT REQUIRED BY ROCKWOOD OR HOA MANAGEMENT, AND ROCKWOOD INFORMATION IS NOT VISIBLE/ AVAILABLE TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

<https://hoamgmt.cincwebaxis.com/account/dashboard>

Rockwood Homes Association, INC

Stay current with Rockwood events & security concerns –

Email rockwoodhomeownerassociation@gmail.com to get added to the Gmail list & checkout the Rockwood website www.rockwoodneighborhood.org Email addresses are NOT shared with outside parties.



Political Signage – It's That Time of Year

With the general election this fall, it's the perfect time to review the types of signage and allowed placement.

While RW can, and will, monitor and control what signage is placed on the public easements and common ground around and a part of Rockwood, we ask that Rockwood residents respect and abide to the covenants and city code.

Rockwood Covenants -

J. No signs, advertisements, billboards or advertising structures of any kind may be erected or maintained on any of the Building Sites herein restricted without the consent in writing of the Board of Directors of the Association, provided, however, that permission is hereby granted for the erection and maintenance of political signs (during a reasonable time period before and after the election) ...

The Rockwood Board uses for its guidance on "reasonable time period" City of Wichita Code 24.04.045 -

City of Wichita Statute 24.04 details what is allowed where and what actions can be taken. The statute prohibits "Temporary" signs on city easements and public right-of ways, which includes Rockwood entrances and medians. Signage placed on private property must have the permission of the homeowner and may be displayed 45 days prior and two days after an election.

If you have specific concerns, please take a closer look at the statute for actions you can take.

Wichita Watering Schedule

Here is the updated watering schedule for the City of Wichita. For additional information, the link is below.

- Addresses ending in **ODD** numbers water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- Addresses ending in **EVEN** numbers water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Water before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.
- No watering on Monday
- Well users are exempt

Variance Requests

Variances to the 3 day per week watering schedule can be requested for the establishment of new turf seed and sod and limited special circumstances. Hand watering and other exempt actions do not require a variance request.

<https://www.wichita.gov/1820/Permanent-Outdoor-Watering-Schedule>



Rockwood Pool 2026!!!!

We have had a great summer so far! The upgrades to the pool have all been a big hit and our new staff and members have enjoyed the experience very much.

Here are some highlights:

The Rockwood Swimming Team had a very successful season with kids swimming best times at the championship meet and the senior boys taking second place overall! The Swimming Lesson program looked very different this year with the private lesson format. The little swimmers really improved a lot with the individual attention and parents were very pleased. We have had two volleyball tournaments and two 21 & Over Evening Pool Parties that were both well received.

As we look toward 2027, please let management know if there are other changes you would like to see at the pool!

Thank you to all of our staff who worked diligently to provide a fun and safe pool experience this past year.

WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT *Security Advisory*

Report any suspicious activity to the police, call 911 – you know what is “normal” activity for your area – Err on the side of caution!

If you find yourself a victim of any crime of larceny or burglary, please file a report by calling 911 for an emergency or the Wichita Police Case Desk at 316.268.4221 or visit any police substation.



- **NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING IN CAR, ESPECIALLY VALUABLE ITEMS VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE** (money (even just coins), purses, wallets, bags/backpacks, electronics– computers/tablets/GPS units, cell phones, checkbooks, briefcases, sunglasses, mail/documents, *ESPECIALLY GUNS*, etc.)
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE**
- **PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA OR YOUR GARAGE**, visible from a window
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING WHEN UNATTENDED**

Please consider using a lockbox or pickup location for your packages to reduce the possibility of “porch package pirating.”

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Who do I call?

Wichita Police Dept Community Policing:

Officer Phil Berger

pberger@wichita.gov | P 316.350.3420 | W

Case Desk 268-4221 for non-emergency concerns/reports

OR East Substation 350-3420 to leave a message for the Officer

City Council District 1 Councilman, Joseph Shepard

JWShepard@wichita.gov, 316.303.8017, District 1 meets the 1st Saturday of each month at the Atwater Rec. Center, 2755 East 19th Street North, at 9:30 a.m.

Wichita Police Dept Homeless Outreach Team

call 911 if after hours, especially if safety issue or inclement weather or 854.3013 policeHOTTeam@wichita.gov

Street Lights

The City contracts out with Evergy on street lights. Report online <https://www.evergy.com/street-light-outage>. To follow up via phone 800-383-1183

Need to Report a Pothole? Trees in Your Front Easement Needs Trimmed? Damaged signs or illegal dumping? Report it!

SeeClickFix A new app! Or

<https://wichita.gov/1013/Report-an-issue>



Trees Need TLC, too!

Tree Trimming - City of Wichita Deforestation Department (for trees along the street which are owned by the City, call now as there is a waiting list. Consider getting your neighbors to also sign up and then work to expedite with the city) - 316.268.4361 or use the SeeClickFix app.

Wichita Animal Control - 316.350.3360

Verify a Contractor's Rating, License & Insurance!

You can check ratings at the Better Business Bureau at BBB.org or <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/district-attorney/consumer-protection-division/consumer-scams/#home>

RW Board meetings –3rd Monday of each month

RRF Patio Room at 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend board meetings which are all open to Rockwood homeowners. In case of inclement weather, notice will be emailed to homeowners with status/location of meeting.

Dumpster at RRF a Costly Problem



The dumpster in the RRF parking lot continues to be costly to Rockwood because of dumping overages, expense and safety concerns. Options to restrict access to the dumpster and even to the parking lot itself are still under consideration. Utilize the commercial dumpster in the fall or take to the landfill. **PLEASE, do not overfill, leave items to the side. If it is full, bring your trash back once the dumpster has been emptied.**



Trees Need TLC, Too!

Rockwood's shady, tree-lined streets help beautify our neighborhood. But require regular care to help them stay healthy and look good.

Have yours been recently sprayed for scales that can seriously damage trees throughout the neighborhood? Deadwood removed?

Trees in the easement - Technically the trees belong to the city – but any damage caused by falling limbs, as well as the overall health of the tree, etc. – are the responsibility of the homeowner. See “Who to Call” to get on the city's trimming list.

Taking care of our trees helps reduce the costs of removing and replacing down the road, helping to protect the investment in your home.

And, As the Leaves Fall... Please note: Do NOT rake leaves into the drainage/sewer system – that is actually a fineable offence in city code. Mulch or bag. Waste Connections allows 5 bags per pickup.

Go Play!!! The park is open!!

Please help keep the park clean, trash picked up and park equipment in good condition. Report any needed repairs/damage, including “tagging” (graffiti), to HOA Management or a board member.

Pet owners, please be considerate when your dogs have the run of the park. Not all people, including kids, may be comfortable in greeting your dog who may just want to be friendly. Clean up bags are provided on stored on the fence – please help keep our park clean by picking up after your dog. Thank you!

Have you looked at the info available on the Rockwood website? www.rockwoodneighborhood.org.

Can't find what you're looking for or need help accessing the Rockwood Private Pages, send an email to rockwoodhomeownersassociation@gmail.com

Prairie Fire Marathon Race Impacts Rockwood Street Access October 11th

The 2026 Prairie Fire Marathon races through Rockwood on Sunday, October 11th, a Wichita Sports Commission event. Traffic in and around Rockwood is restricted during that day. Thank you in advance for your patience. Come out and cheer the racers on! We wish a safe and speedy race for all of the participants!



PRAIRIE FIRE MARATHON

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026



Thank You, Rockwood neighbors, for your support and sharing the beauty of your neighborhood with the running community. We appreciate your support and look forward to October 11.

Full and Half Marathon Information:

We anticipate over 2,200 half and full marathon runners from across the US and several countries to participate in the fall races.

What are ways you can be involved:

- Volunteer as a course monitor within your neighborhood. Register by scanning the QR code or the link information below.
- [2026 Prairie Fire Marathon presented by Davis-Moore Automotive Group Volunteer Registration](#)
- Runners love spectators, cheerleaders, words of encouragement, cow bells, music, signs, etc. Join the 1,000's of runners on Sun., Oct 11 as they run through the Rockwood neighborhood.



Race Time (Mile times are approximate):

7:10 Marathon and Half Marathon start from Equity Bank Park

First	Last	
7:35	8:40	Mile 5.35 - Douglas and Woodlawn
7:40	8:45	Mile 6 - Huntington and Rutland
		Mile 6.30 - Rockwood Rd. and Armour
7:50	8:50	Mile 7.60

Route through Rockwood neighborhood:

- The Streets highlighted in blue are the route.
- Directions through Rockwood:
 - East Douglas to Rutland.
 - North (L) on Rutland to Rockwood Rd.
 - West (L) on Rockwood Rd. to N Hampton Rd. into the City of Eastborough

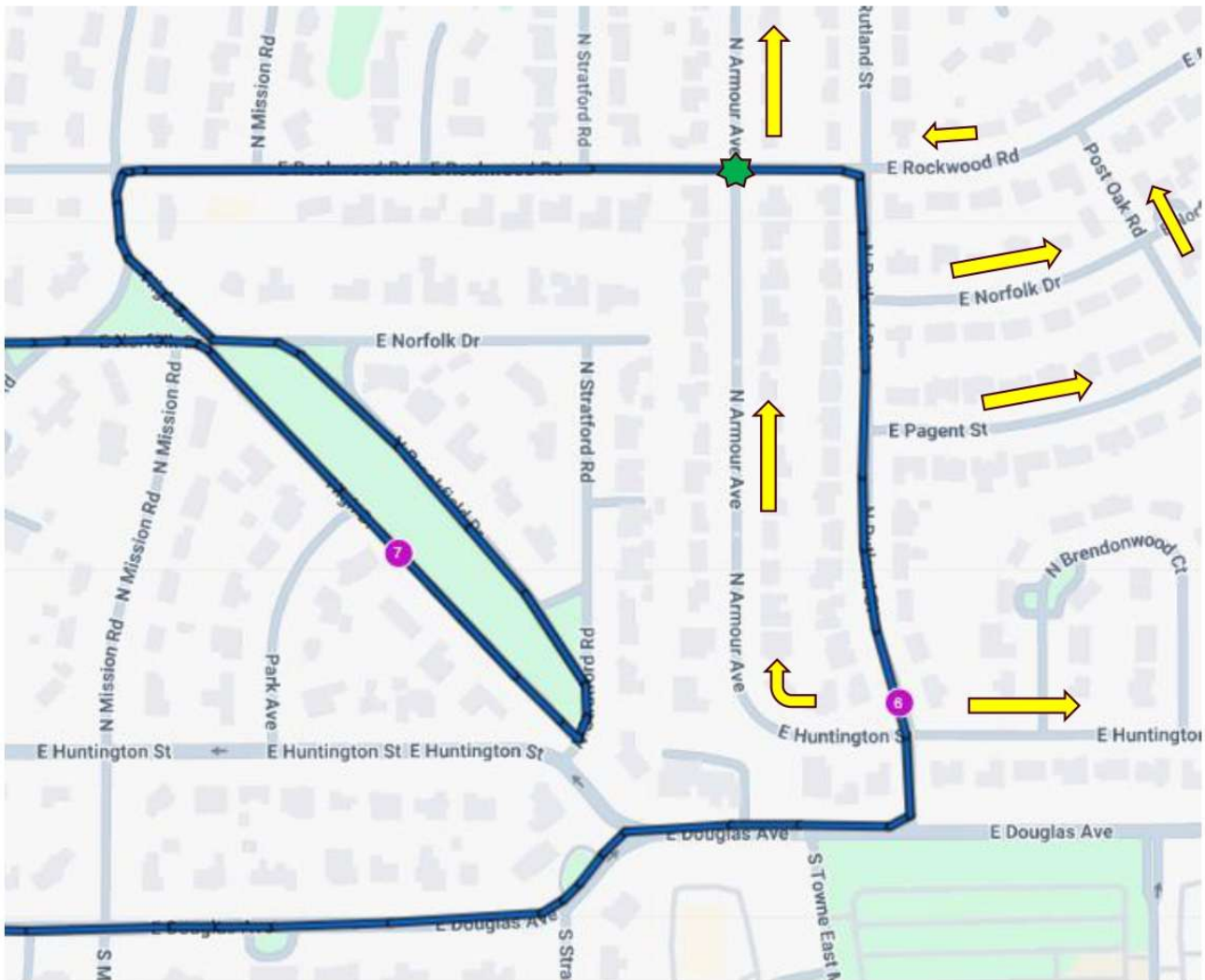
Additional Notes and Safety:

- A volunteer will be at every intersection to help manage traffic safely, this means allowing vehicles to pass once runners have cleared the area.
 - There may be an intersection that does not have a volunteer, please proceed with caution.
 - There will be additional volunteers at Armour and Rockwood to assist drivers.
- Arrows indicate the safest routes to exit the neighborhood during the race.
- Proceed to the nearest street that is not part of the race route to exit the neighborhood safely.
- Those residing on Rutland, please proceed to Pagent or Norfolk then Post Oak to Rockwood.
- *When exiting the neighborhood please utilize the right side of the road as much as possible, runners are asked to keep left.*

Marathon and Half Marathon Full Route with Miles:



Close-up through Rockwood neighborhood:



P 316.265.6236
wichitasports.com

250 W. Douglas Avenue, Ste. 101
Wichita, KS 67202

Wichita Sports Commission
Prairie Fire Race Series
Wichita Corporate Challenge
Greater Wichita Sports Banquet
Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year
Wichita Turkey Trot