



ROCK BEATS

MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



YOUR MONTHLY PULSE ON
WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK

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ON THE COVER

Ivy the Round Rock Fire Department therapy dog recently stopped by City offices to spend time with employees. See page 3 for more on the Paws for a Break initiative.

Paws for a Break

Ivy the Round Rock Fire Department therapy dog and her handler, Driver Jody Virgne, teamed up with Human Resources for a City wellness tour across multiple departments. They visited Fleet Services and General Services, Public Works, Fire Fleet Services, Human Resources and Finance. Ivy has been with Round Rock Fire since March 2025.

Planning and Development Services



Public Works



THE HR HUB

▶ **CareATC mental health webinar available to view online**

Care ATC hosted the Zoom-based webinar “Mental Health 101: Understanding the Basics” online May 13, with licensed mental health professionals Sheila Ahmadi and Liz Roberts.

The presentation offered a practical introduction to mental health, breaking down what it is, why it matters and how it affects our daily lives. They covered common mental health challenges and simple ways to support your own well-being and that of others.

Find out more about the session at employees.roundrocktexas.gov/employee-events-may-june-2026/.

▶ **Nationwide adds self-directed retirement brokerage account**

The Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA) is now available to City employees through the Nationwide Retirement Deferred Compensation Program, providing employees with additional investment options.

A self-directed brokerage account, the PCRA allows additional flexibility with investments, freeing investors to select and manage options including mutual funds, exchange traded funds, stocks listed on all major exchanges and fixed income investments.

Please contact Wilson Heacock with Nationwide Retirement for additional information or to enroll at (361) 887-1978 or wilson.heacock@nationwide.com.

▶ **Benefits Reminders:**

- Present your City ID badge to enjoy **free admission to Lake Creek and Micki Krebsbach pools**. Lake Creek Pool is at 800 Deerfoot Drive, while Krebsbach Pool sits at 301 Deepwood Drive, adjacent to Round Rock High School.
- **Play at Forest Creek Golf Club**, 99 Twin Ridge Parkway, on weekdays anytime or weekends after 1 p.m. for only \$35 plus tax (including cart). A City ID must be presented at check-in. Tee times are encouraged and can be made five days in advance by calling 512-388-2874. Proper golf attire is encouraged.
- City of Round Rock employees enjoy **free membership at Clay Madsen Recreation Center**, 1600 Gattis School Road. Employees may also receive discounted family membership. Apply in person at the Rec Center and present your City ID badge.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who attended the 5th Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon at Kalahari Resorts on Wednesday, May 6! Due to your generosity, we were able to donate 992 pounds of food to the Round Rock Serving Center.

Congrats to these lucky Kalahari gift card winners:



Jason Humfeld
Human Resources



Ken Rogers
Parks and Recreation



Teri Jackson
Library



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PHOTOS ON EMPLOYEE NET**

UPCOMING EVENTS

EMPLOYEE WEBINARS

Wednesday, June 17

- **Embracing Personal Reflection and Self-Awareness** – 11-11:45 a.m. | AllOne Health examines ways to practice personal reflection, why it's important and what being self-aware can mean for you. bit.ly/3RIXAte

Thursday, June 25

- **Feeling the Stress of Seasonal Change?** – 1-1:30 p.m. | AllOne Health offers a supportive space for you to gain practical coping strategies, share experiences and reconnect with a sense of control and calm as the seasons change. bit.ly/4dMIm06

EMPLOYEE EVENTS

Tuesday, June 16

- **Six-Week Yoga Series** – Noon-12:45 p.m. | Soul Strong Yoga, 107 S. Lewis St., Suite 120 | Sessions start June 16 and take place each Tuesday and Thursday. bit.ly/4vuJvOJ

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesdays

- **Music on Main** – 7-9 p.m. | Prete Plaza, 221 E. Main St. | Through June 24

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- **Hometown Parklet Shows** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Downtown Round Rock | Through June 25

Friday, June 12

- **Moonlight Movie Night (Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl)** – 7:30-10 p.m. | Lakeview Stage and Pavilion at Old Settlers Park, 1501 Harrell Parkway | Free admission

Saturday, June 20

- **Juneteenth Festival** – 4-11:30 p.m. | Lakeview Stage and Pavilion at Old Settlers Park, 1501 Harrell Parkway | This year's event includes performances by Keith Frank, Spinderella and Aloe Blacc. | Free admission (\$10 parking)

Saturday, June 27

- **Mainly Art** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | City Arts Center and Paseo, 216 E. Main St.

Find more community events:

roundrocktexas.gov/events

Drinking Water Week

City employees educated visitors to the Round Rock Public Library on water systems during Drinking Water Week in May. These dedicated employees work behind the scenes every day to provide safe, reliable drinking water to our community, from treating and testing water to maintaining infrastructure and planning for the future.



EMPLOYEES ON THE MOVE

NEW HIRES



PARKS AND RECREATION

REILLY LATHAN
GABRIEL RAMOS
KARMEN SANDERS
SAMUEL SHARPE

POLICE

TAMARA BOLDEN
LUCAS HAGOOD
ASHLEY PERRY
JOSHUA GARZA
NIKOLAS RODRIGUEZ

PUBLIC WORKS

RUDISON GARCIA
ARIANNA GUTIERREZ
DAVID CLICK
MAXWELL CONRAD-JOHNSON
MARC PICKETT
MARK RODRIGUEZ
KEVIN SCOTT

PROMOTIONS



FINANCE

RENEE CORTEZ (PROMOTED TO SENIOR ACCOUNTANT)

GENERAL SERVICES

COREY AMIDON (PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR)

LIBRARY

KRISTEN FRENCH (PROMOTED TO LIBRARY ASSISTANT)
BRIAN SCARROW (PROMOTED TO LIBRARY ASSISTANT)

GENERAL SERVICES

MU'STAPHA FEIKA (PROMOTED TO PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER)
ISAAK GONZALES (PROMOTED TO AQUATICS SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN)
TONY MORENO (PROMOTED TO AQUATICS SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN)
OSVALDO VAZQUEZ (PROMOTED TO PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER)

RETIREMENTS



LIBRARY

JOE DIAZ (23)

POLICE

LAURA BIERSDORFF (2)



ADMINISTRATION

BROOKS BENNETT (21)

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

JESSE DAVIS (4)

FINANCE

ALEXANDRA WALLACE (1)

MARY ANN KUBACAK (14)

FIRE

THESIA BLACK (5)

GABRIEL MEDINA (31)

SHANE GLAISER (31)

WILLIAM COLBURN (31)

JAMES BARTON (31)

RICHARD RAGO (31)

GENERAL SERVICES

JORGE GARZA (4)

MARSHALL REYNOLDS (16)

HUMAN RESOURCES

JOSHUA WILCOX (2)

JASON HUMFELD (2)

TYLER JARL (9)

INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY

MATTHEW PACHECO (2)

SALIH HOROZOVIC (9)

LIBRARY

MICHAEL HOOD (5)

EMILY JONES (9)

KRISTEN FRENCH (9)

GEETA HALLEY (18)

PARKS AND RECREATION

FRANCELIA GONZALEZ (1)

ROMAN TORRES (2)

RONNIE JAMES (2)

BRANDON JONES (3)

ESMERALDA CRUZ (7)

SPENCER FOREMAN (5)

STEVEN NOETH (15)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PRAMISTHA JOSHI (1)

JAKE MORRISON (2)

JOSHUA GONZALES (4)

GEORGE GRONDIN (10)

POLICE

IRVIN PORTILLO-ZAPATA (2)

TREVIN FRAME (2)

BRANSON AUDETTE (2)

KOBE STERLING (3)

MASON GATES (3)

WILLIAM BELL (3)

RHETT HARDEN (3)

DYLAN WILLETTE (3)

LEVI MCCRIGHT (3)

GERAN REBOLD (3)

THOMAS COLLEY (3)

CARSON JOHNSON (3)

DIEGO COSTA OWENS (3)

MICHAEL MARKHAM (3)

DILLON STEWART (3)

LINDSEY ROLLWITZ (3)

ROBERT REAP (3)

NEVAEH GUEVARA (3)

ELISHA ENGLISH (7)

JACELINE FISHER (8)

DARRELL GREEN (13)

COREY HARRIS (14)

PUBLIC WORKS

DESTINY ABELL (1)

BENJAMIN DAVIS (1)

JOSEPH REYES ESCOBAR (1)

MARIO MEDEL (2)

JAMES KILE (2)

ANDREW FRENCH (2)

RICHARD REYES (2)

CATALINA ARBOLEDA GONZALEZ (3)

CLAY KENNEDY (3)

WILLIAM TILLOTSON (5)

GREGORY ALTAMIRANO (6)

JUSTIN GIBBONS (6)

ADAM LEVY (7)

ERICK RAMIREZ (8)

RONNIE MUELLER (9)

JARETT RUTHERFORD (18)

CLAY ERICSON (22)

JOE BALANDRAN (24)

SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM

JOSE SALAZAR (12)

NANCY YAWN (26)

Welcome Round Rock Summer Interns!

Round Rock welcomed its **2026 Summer Internship Program** participants on May 26. The program runs through Aug. 14 and provides students with a variety of professional development opportunities and activities throughout the summer, including a luncheon with the City Manager, StrengthsFinder training and teambuilding activities. This year's intern class includes:

- **Abigail Parker:** Information Technology
- **Addison Partin:** Public Works - Utilities
- **Addison Villegas:** Communications and Marketing
- **Amber Yang:** Public Works - Utilities
- **Andrew O'Neal:** Sports Management and Tourism
- **Ava Gaultney:** General Services
- **Beth Huynh:** Finance
- **Brooklynn Hampton:** Community & Neighborhood Services
- **Diego Cabriaes:** Police Department
- **Francisco De La Garza:** General Services - Facilities
- **Kaitlyn Bradley:** Finance
- **Karen Sarkis:** Planning and Development Services
- **Lexi Martin:** Sports Management and Tourism
- **Margaret Boles:** Communications and Marketing
- **Michael Saunders:** Public Works - Transportation
- **Nicholas Thompson:** Public Works - Utilities
- **Rakiah Williams:** Human Resources
- **Sanjana Viswaprabakaran:** General Services
- **Selena Velez Vidal:** Police Department
- **Sofia Bernal:** Library
- **Victoria Muller:** General Services



★ MEET YOUR COWORKER

★ Cody Offield ★

Senior Traffic Signal Tech - Transportation



With CORR since: November 2015

Job Responsibilities: I install, maintain, troubleshoot and repair traffic control systems to keep roadways operating safely and efficiently. My work consists of diagnosing communication issues to our traffic signals, repairing signal heads, cabinets, controllers and detection equipment and performing preventative maintenance on traffic signals.

Favorite Food: I'm a sucker for a good crawfish boil.

Favorite Hobbies: I find enjoyment in carpentry. There is something incredibly fulfilling about working with my hands to bring the ideas in my head into fruition.

Typical weekend activity: My typical weekend activities involve my wife and I taking our son to parks and engaging in various activities to keep him entertained.

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I have visited 27 of the 50 states so far.

The Team Behind the Stars

The Baca Center's annual Evening Under the Stars event brought seniors together for music, dancing, food and fellowship. Members of the Parks and Recreation Department, pictured below, were responsible for the planning, coordination and behind-the-scenes work that made the event possible.





PETS of the MONTH

Name: Troy

Owner: Marcial Guajardo, Communications and Marketing

Age: 12

Breed: Dachshund/Beagle mix

Always up for a photoshoot and belly rubs, Troy's lived amongst a Great Dane and a 130-lb. Lab, but don't tell him he's smaller. Troy always brings Alpha energy, especially when his human's late with dinner.

With the Fourth of July coming up, Troy is first in line to remind everyone that fireworks are illegal within Round Rock city limits. He is, however, a big fan of walks on the beach, naps and snacks. Definitely snacks.



Name: Bailey

Owner: Chad Hall, Code Enforcement

Age: 17

Breed: Dachshund/Jack Russell mix

Her bags packed and wardrobe ready, Bailey has her spot in the car for the next road trip. She's been to 16 states but will settle for a simple hike outdoors on a beautiful day.

She credits an organic diet for a spritely step in her senior years. Known as "The Governor" around the house, Bailey lets her two larger furry friends know who still leads this pack.

Want to submit your pet to be featured?



Email mguajardo@roundrocktexas.gov
or use the QR code on the back page!

SAFETY tips



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION SECURE

Locking your screen when you leave your desk is a simple way to **keep your information secure**. Keeping your screen unlocked can be dangerous for a number of reasons. Many computers are set up to automatically activate a screensaver after being inactive for a certain amount of time. Unfortunately, not all screensavers are password-protected, which leaves your workstation vulnerable. **Easy to do but often overlooked, locking your screen when you leave your desk** can prevent you from ending up in a bad situation. Use the directions below to get into the habit of locking your screen.

Mac

On your keyboard, press the **Ctrl + Command + Q** keys at the same time to lock your screen, or select the Apple icon from the Mac menu bar and select Lock Screen.

Alternatively, you can set up hot corners to lock your screen. A hot corner is a shortcut feature that allows you to move your cursor to a certain corner of your screen to lock the computer. Hot corners can be set up by going to **System Settings > Desktop & Dock** and then choosing **Hot Corners**.

Windows

On your keyboard, press the **Windows key** and the **L key** at the same time to lock your screen.

Alternatively, you can press the **Control, Alt and Delete (Ctrl+Alt+Del) keys** at the same time to open a menu. From the menu, select **Lock**.



IT'S HOT OUTSIDE, Y'ALL

In Texas, with summer months come 100-degree temperatures, drawing attention to the need to stay aware of the heat and its effect on those outdoors for work or play.

Temperatures in Round Rock reached 100 degrees on 22 days last year. That was relatively low compared to the record 90 days of 100-degree heat experienced in 2011. The area on average experiences its first 100-degree date on June 29.

Consider the following tips when spending time outdoors this summer:

- Drink plenty of fluids when off duty to allow your body to absorb the fluids.
- Drink eight ounces of water or sports drinks ever 15-20 minutes during the day.
- Stay away from caffeinated and sugary drinks.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing whenever possible.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat instead of a ball cap.
- High effort job duties should be done in the morning when possible.



Fire Foundation Night

Round Rock Express held Round Rock Fire Foundation Night at Dell Diamond on May 29. The Foundation and Round Rock Fire provided games, giveaways and static displays and performances by the Fire Pipes and Drums team. Assistant Fire Chief Wylie Brownell also threw out the first pitch of the Express-Salt Lake City game.



The Round Rock Fire Department is mourning the sudden loss of Fire Driver Zac French, who served the community for nearly 19 years. The department would like to express its gratitude for the support provided by neighboring agencies, fellow employees, hospital staff and community members during this difficult time.



▶ **Want to submit info to be included in future issues?**

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