

# WebsterWay

NOVEMBER 2021



## ABOUT THE COVER:

Webster Public Works concludes another successful Clean Up Week in October. Join us for the next Clean Up Week in March 2022.

# Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

## General Fund Overview, Tax Rate Information, and Upcoming Projects

City Council has adopted the FY 2021-22 Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.

The annual budget reflects the programs, goals, and policies necessary to provide services to the citizens of Webster. The City is committed to enhancing the quality of life in Webster by continuing to provide essential services to its citizens and instituting programs and projects which will serve the long-term interests of the City.

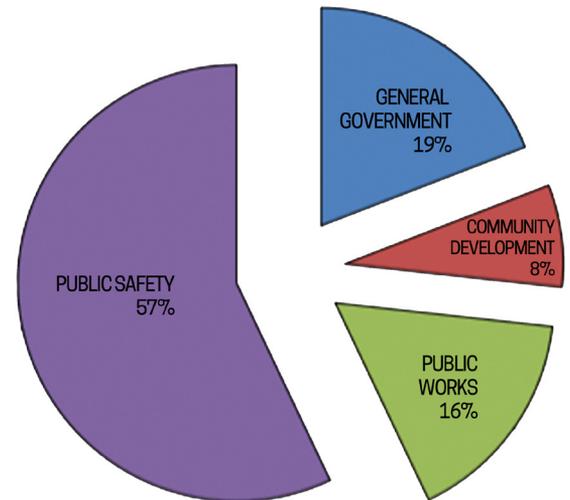
The 2021-2022 Budget for all funds totals \$47,202,347. This includes \$26,389,538 in the General Fund and \$6,511,182 in the Utility Fund.

Sales tax is the largest revenue source for the City, accounting for approximately 57 percent of General Fund revenues and 44 percent of total City revenues from all sources. This is due to the significant presence of commercial restaurants and retail entities in the City.

The 2020-21 budget anticipated a steep decline in sales tax revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the sales tax revenue picked back up and is expected to total 16 percent more than budgeted for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Sales tax revenue provides Webster with the ability to have low property tax and utility rates. For FY 2021-2022, the property tax rate increased from \$0.37357 to \$0.39334 per \$100 of taxable value. This will help to fund several much-needed projects in Webster. Even with the increases adopted by City Council for FY 2021-22, the property tax rates and utility rates remain among the lowest in the area.

### 2021-2022 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION



### FISCAL YEAR PROJECTS

Exciting projects are underway in the City of Webster. Along with the resiliency items identified by issues occurred during Winter Storm Uri, City Council approved the purchase of new Christmas decorations, primarily for Texas Avenue Park. The Public Works Department will begin an enhanced street sign replacement program, and Animal Control will have shade structures built over the dog runs.

The Public Safety budget includes funds to replace the Police Department's 9-1-1 recording system and to implement new dash and body-worn camera systems, a bicycle patrol program, and a K9 program that will include one narcotics/patrol dog and one explosives/patrol dog.

The Police Department will have the funds to expand public outreach events to include a Citizen's Police Academy Class which will occur this fiscal year.

City Council also approved the purchase of three new defibrillators for the Fire Department, and a remodel of the Fire Department kitchen to allow more feasibility when the Emergency Operations Center is utilized.

The FY 2021-2022 budget and the City's investment in community services show promise for the upcoming year. For more information on the budget, visit [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com).

# 2020-2021 PUBLIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

## Police Patrol Estimates

Number of calls for service: 16,826

Number of arrests made: 858

Number of offense reports taken: 2,223

## Fire Operation Estimates

Number of calls for fire services: 1,565

Number of calls for emergency medical services: 2,450

Number of patients treated: 1,921

Response time within 5 minutes 30 second for fire services: 90%

Response time within 4-5 minutes for EMS: 90%



## RESILIENCY BUDGET ITEMS FROM WINTER STORM URI

Winter Storm Uri resulted in power outages and disruption in water services. When creating the budget, resiliency items were identified by issues occurring from the winter storm.

The budget includes training for Public Works employees in basic water, wastewater, and pump and motor maintenance. This will improve our employee's ability to mitigate problems with the water and wastewater systems during weather disasters.

Additional generators will be purchased, and the Magnolia Water Plant emergency generator will be replaced to ensure reliability. The budget provides for improvements to lift stations, which are required for pumping water from one location to another. Funds were also allotted for sewer lift station bypass readiness to minimize public disruptions and provide a contingency plan when the temperatures drop again.

## UNDERSTANDING THE DUTIES OF A CRIME ANALYST

The Webster Police Department recently hired Kirsten Henderson as Crime Analyst, and the new position was a significant change for the FY 2021-2022 budget.

The Crime Analyst position aims to support police efforts, aid in crime prevention, provide reduction strategies, and assist with problem-solving.

Each day, Kirsten analyzes crime reports, arrest records, police calls, and other data to establish patterns and make correlations. The department then uses the data to make decisions about prosecutions, patrols, and staffing.

Kirsten began her career as a Telecommunications Officer before being promoted to an assistant supervisor for Comal County Sheriff's Office. She then started as a Crime Analyst with the Texas Department of Public Safety before moving her career to Webster earlier this year.

She holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science degree in Criminal Justice from Howard Payne University, a Master of Science degree in Applied Criminology from Texas A&M Commerce, a Graduate Certificate in Crime Analysis from Tarleton State University, and is currently working on a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Intelligence Studies from Notre Dame College.

Kirsten's experience and education make her an excellent candidate for the Crime Analyst position.



## REGISTER YOUR SECURITY CAMERA WITH WEBSTER POLICE

The Police Department is asking citizens to register video surveillance systems with the City.

By registering your surveillance camera, police will be able to identify the location of nearby video cameras when a crime occurs. Police would ask registrants for video from a specific date and time that may show activity involved with a crime. The camera registration does not provide access to your cameras or log-in information. It is simply taking note of your address and contact information. You are not obligated to share the video footage.

The program's goal is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Webster Police Department and the communities we serve. You can register for the program by emailing [CA@websterpd.com](mailto:CA@websterpd.com) or by following the QR code to the City of Webster website.



## Don't Be a Victim!

**Lock your car. Take your keys.  
Remove your valuables.**

Car burglaries are on the rise, but they can be easily avoided. Lock your car, take your keys and remove your valuables. This includes your purse, wallet, cell phone, laptop, and especially firearms! Hiding the valuables will not keep them safe. Thieves know all your hiding places.

Report any suspicious behavior to the Webster Police Department at 281.332.2426.

## PUBLIC SAFETY RECOGNITIONS



*Webster Reserve Officer Free Graduates Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Leadership Command College*

The Police Department would like to congratulate Reserve Officer Roger Free for graduating from the 90th class of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Leadership Command College. Less than 2.5% of police officers in Texas have graduated from this prestigious program, and we are so proud of Roger to be a member of this group.



*Fire Department Promotions*

The Fire Department held a pinning ceremony on Saturday, September 18. New firefighters were pinned, promotions were acknowledged, and commendation medals were presented for exemplary service.

Jason Crockom was promoted to Lieutenant. Nickles DeNease was promoted to Driver/Operator. Brandon Sanson was pinned as a firefighter. Jacob Galvan was pinned as a firefighter.

Additionally, Shift Commander Curtis Johnson, Driver/Operator Chad Jones, Firefighter Orlando Zepeda, and Firefighter Jacob Galvan received the Medal of Commendation for response to a medical call that aided in the survival of a newborn and mother.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CONNECTION

### *Ordinance of the Month: Dangerous Buildings*



Dangerous Buildings are dilapidated buildings, substandard, or unfit for human habitation and constitute a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

Windows, doors, and other openings on vacant buildings and structures must be kept locked and covered to prevent unauthorized entry. A property owner may be required to board up a building or structure if it becomes vacant and is not secured. Storage sheds and garages must also be secured. To avoid fines, close and secure all openings on vacant buildings and structures.

### *How do you report a violation?*

Report a violation by visiting [public.mygov.us/webster\\_tx/](http://public.mygov.us/webster_tx/) and submit a request. Either Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Trotter or Rolanda Ivy will contact you regarding the infringement within the week.

*Next month, we will review the rules regarding dangerous buildings. If you have a question or a request for a future ordinance, email [kstamy@cityofwebster.com](mailto:kstamy@cityofwebster.com).*

## City Council Recap

September 21 Meeting



- *Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ending March 2021 and June 2021.*
- *Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Garver, LLC for engineering services for the design, bid, and construction phases of wastewater treatment plant electrical improvements, in the amount of \$249,876.00.*
- *Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with HR Green for engineering services for the design, bid, and construction phases of NASA Parkway improvements in the amount of \$699,100.00.*
- *Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Space Center Houston for tourism services.*
- *Approved an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget for the City of Webster, Texas.*
- *Adopted an ordinance fixing the tax rate and tax levy for the City of Webster for the 2021 tax year upon all taxable property in the City. Adopted the 2021 ad valorem tax rate for Debt Service of \$0.12231 per \$100 of taxable value. Adopted the 2021 ad valorem tax rate for Maintenance and Operations of \$0.27103 per \$100 of taxable value. Adopted the property tax rate to be increased by adopting a tax rate of \$0.39334.*



# SPACE COAST TEXAS FACEBOOK PAGE

The Webster Economic Development Department recently launched the Space Coast Texas Facebook page as a tourism page for the City of Webster.

The Facebook page spotlights the many destinations in Webster for both visitors and residents.

Visit Space Coast Texas on Facebook and follow along to learn about the new hot spots in the City!



## Skylab Fitness | 218 S. Walnut Street

Skylab Fitness, formerly Bay Area Crossfit, opened inside the new Bay Area Wellness Center. The magnificent two-story facility constitutes an expansion and relocation from NASA One Business Center.

Skylab Fitness offers group HIIT (high-intensity interval training) classes, personal training, and nutrition services. The gym accepts members of all experience levels and currently has eight trainers and 125 members. Group Crossfit classes are available to members of all ages, while the FIT+50 courses are specifically designed for those over the age of 50.

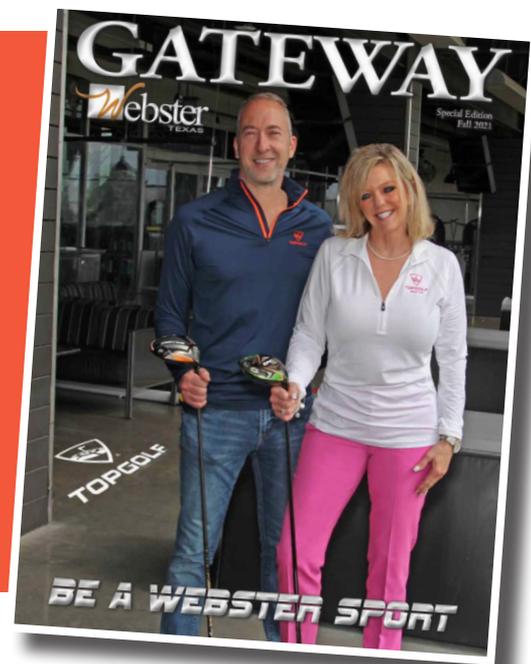
The all-encompassing fitness facility offers nutrition services, such as one-on-one nutrition programming. The main focus is to create clean eating habits, optimize sleep patterns, attain proper hydration, and produce an overall healthier lifestyle.

## BE A WEBSTER SPORT GATEWAY MAGAZINE

The benefits of engaging in sports and exercise are a time-tested truism. In Webster, it is easy to obtain one's daily boost of good health—year-round, regardless of the weather. From roller rink skating, golf, bowling, and baseball to volleyball, dodgeball, and dancing, the sporting life abounds in Webster with premier, indoor venues that elevate and amplify the experience.

Check out the latest edition of the Gateway Magazine to take a closer look at all of the sports and exercise venues in Webster.

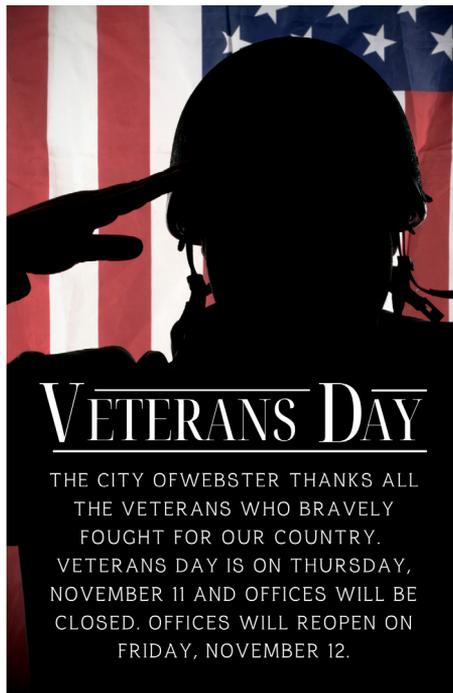
You can pick up a copy of the Gateway Magazine at Webster City Hall or view it online at [www.cityofwebster.com/529/Publications](http://www.cityofwebster.com/529/Publications).



# DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP WHEN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 AT 2 A.M. DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!



## VETERANS DAY

THE CITY OF WEBSTER THANKS ALL THE VETERANS WHO BRAVELY FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY. VETERANS DAY IS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AND OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

CITY OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT 1:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 FOR THANKSGIVING AND OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

RESIDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE TRASH PICK-UP ON THANKSGIVING DAY. REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL RESUME TRASH PICK UP ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

## SPLASH PAD CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

*The splash pad will close for the season on Monday, November 1. It will reopen Spring 2022.*

### CITY COUNCIL

Donna Rogers  
*Mayor*

Jennifer Heidt  
*Council Member Position 1*

Bill W. Jones  
*Council Member Position 2*

Larry Tosto  
*Council Member Position 3*

Beverly Gaines  
*Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Member Position 4*

Edward Lapeyre  
*Council Member Position 5*

Martin Graves  
*Council Member Position 6*

City Hall Main Number  
281.332.1826

EMERGENCY  
9-1-1

Fire (Non-emergency)  
281.332.2711

Police (Non-emergency)  
281.332.2426

Public Works  
281.316.3700

Webster Way Editor  
281.316.3764

Animal Control  
281.316.3700

Civic Center Rental  
281.316.4108

Utility Billing  
281.316.4120

Municipal Court  
281.338.6702

Trash and Recycling  
713.726.7300 or  
844.737.8254



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# NOVEMBER

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 02 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 05 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 07 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
*Time change begins at 2 a.m.*
- 09 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING**  
*6 p.m. at City Hall\**
- 11 VETERANS DAY**  
*City offices closed*
- 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 19 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 24 THANKSGIVING CLOSURE**  
*City Hall closes at 1:30 p.m. Offices remain closed until Monday, November 29*

# DECEMBER

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 03 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 07 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 14 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING**  
*6 p.m. at City Hall\**
- 18 CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK**  
*From 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park*
- 21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 22 CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**  
*City Hall closes at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22. Offices will remain closed on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24*
- 30 NEW YEAR'S CLOSURE**  
*City Hall closes at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 30 and will remain closed on Friday, December 31.*

*\*Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check the City website at [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com) for meeting information.*