



## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

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# WHAT'S THE BUZZ IN WEBSTER?

## 2022 ELECTION INFO SATURDAY, MAY 7

The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on May 7, 2022. Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 will be on the May ballot.

A voting device to assist voters with a disability will be available on Election Day. For more information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826.



**Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic**

- Low-cost vaccines
- FREE microchips

Saturday, May 14  
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.



**Webster Humane Services**  
855 Magnolia Ave.



Webster Humane Services will be hosting its annual Pet Health Safety Drive-Thru on Saturday, May 14.

Pet owners can stop by to microchip and register their furry friends! Various vaccinations will also be available at low costs.

Webster Humane Services is located at 855 Magnolia Ave.



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## MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Webster City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 31.



# NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



You may not know who they are, but odds are you're familiar with their work. From maintenance, parks, water, wastewater, and drainages, Public Works provides the highest quality service to the residents of Webster.

The combined responsibilities of these divisions include maintaining and managing the City's infrastructure—with significant objectives such as the operation and maintenance of systems, capital improvement projects, solid waste & recycling, and sustainment of City vehicles, equipment, & buildings.

Through hard work and dedication, Public Works makes Webster a safe and clean environment to live in. Thank you for keeping our City in its best condition!



Crew Leader of the Parks Department Jasmin Reyes assists the park's foreman in daily operations and special projects.

In addition to regular duties, Jasmin installs landscaping throughout the City, mowing, and maintaining all parks and facilities. With a passion for landscaping, Jasmin ensures that the aesthetics of our City are exemplary and maintained to the highest quality for our residents and visitors. "This position has given me a chance to grow," says Jasmin. "Because I love landscaping work, this position has allowed me to pursue my passion."

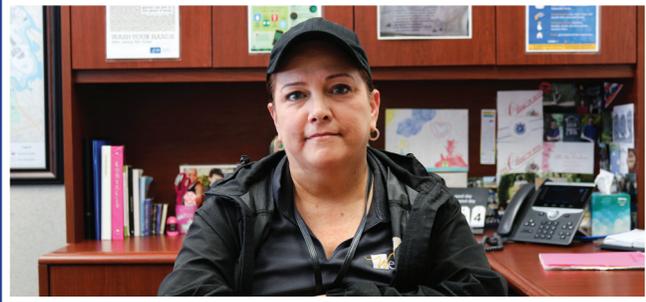


Parks Department Foreman Jose Martin Salinas knows a thing or two about the care and maintenance of our City parks & facilities. Making 29 years with the City this month, Jose leads, directs, & oversees staff operations and activities of assigned parks. From managing the landscaping to assisting contractors with installing pipes & electricity, Jose played a significant role in creating the Splash Pad in Texas Avenue Park 7 years ago. "I love everything about my job, especially landscaping," says Jose. "I'm looking forward to improving our City's beautification."



Keegan Talplacido, Senior Animal Control Officer, dedicates his time to rescuing strays wandering around the City in hopes of finding them fur-ever homes. His day starts with feeding, cleaning, and providing quality hospitality for the animals that walk through the shelter. Keegan also hosts multiple shot clinics a year, providing essential health services for pets, including vaccinations, flea medications, dewormers, etc., at a low cost. "I enjoy the animals and the people here," says Keegan. "It's my favorite thing about my job."

## GET TO KNOW THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR



With over 200 establishments located in the City of Webster, health inspections are essential to ensuring quality food services, and Environmental Health Inspector Heather Furst knows just how to get the job done.

As an environmental health inspector, Heather's prominent roles are to inspect and provide annual permitting of foodservice establishments in the City of Webster to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission through food by educating foodservice operators on proper handling procedures and practices. However, Heather's health inspections aren't just for food services.

"I inspect all of the foodservice operations. That's everything from daycares to hospital kitchens to restaurants, mobile units, and anything that serves food," says Heather. "I also inspect swimming pools, apartments, hotels, and condos."

Having worked for the City for ten years, Heather conducts a series of new inspections every day, but her career journey began much sooner.

"I started [working] in Galveston County in 1997. I've worked for Galveston, Harris, and Fort Bend County," says Heather.

A Sam Houston State University alumna, Heather received her Bachelor's of Science in Health. While she didn't have a set idea of what she wanted her career to be after college, Heather was fascinated by her classes during her undergraduate.

While working a job straight out of college, Heather met the director of the Animal Shelter for Galveston County.

"[The Animal Shelter Director] told me they were hiring a sanitarian in Galveston County," says Heather. "She said the position was for a health inspector, which I found an interest in since I've always worked in food service. I applied for that job, got it, and have been doing it ever since."

After working as a health inspector for different counties, Heather was ready to find a job elsewhere—applying for the environmental health inspector position for the City of Webster.

Although Heather has undergone significant transitions throughout her career, she has also found great joy in her position. This October, Heather will make 11 years working for the City.

"Webster is a great place to work for, and all employees are friendly. It's a smaller environment versus when I had to work for a county," says Heather. "It's the only city I have ever worked for, and I've seen a big difference between working for a city and a county."

Learn more about the Environmental Health department by visiting [cityofwebster.com/257/Environmental-Health](http://cityofwebster.com/257/Environmental-Health).

## 2022 HURRICANE SEASON ARE YOU PREPARED?

The 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season was the third most active season on record, producing 21 named storms. The official forecast for 2022 will be out soon, but all indicators are pointing to another busy season. While many areas of the country are still recovering from last season, hurricane season begins in just a few short weeks. Are you ready? Use the planning basics below to start your family's hurricane plan and visit [readywebster.com](http://readywebster.com) for additional information and resources!

### PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

- Protect your past-personal records & special items
- Protect your present-buy flood insurance
- Protect your peace of mind-focus on planning & communications
- Protect yourself and others-NEVER drive on flooded roads
- Know if you live in a designated evacuation zone. Webster is in Zone B. Plan ahead for where you will go and when you will leave
- Learn how to shut off your utilities and know emergency numbers to call
- Protect your property, board up windows, secure outside furniture, boats, trailers, and other items
- Perform an inventory, and make copies of important insurance documents along with credit and ID cards. Make a video or take pictures of your property and belongings for insurance purposes
- Store important documents in a secure place away from home
- Keep some cash in a safe place that can easily be accessed during an evacuation

### PREPARE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- Have enough non-perishable food, water, and supplies for family and pets to last at least five days

### PLAN FOR THOSE WITH FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

- Residents with disabilities, the critically ill, people without vehicles, or those who require medical support during an emergency should register for assistance with the State of Texas Emergency Registry (STEAR) by calling 2-1-1 or visiting [tdem.texas.gov/stear](http://tdem.texas.gov/stear)

### WHEN A HURRICANE THREATENS

- Frequently monitor TV, radio, NOAA weather radio, internet, and hurricane helplines
- Fuel your vehicles and keep them topped-off

Sign up for Emergency Alert Notifications at [cityofwebster.com/1182/Swift-911](http://cityofwebster.com/1182/Swift-911).



### RECEPTIONIST TALK WITH

*Shirley Whitcomb*



### NATIONAL RECEPTIONIST DAY—MAY 11

It might be impossible to catch sight of every employee in City Hall, but if there's one person you can count on seeing when you walk through those doors, it's City Receptionist Shirley Whitcomb!

From greeting citizens and directing them to their destinations to managing the phone systems and distributing mail, Shirley gets things up and running for City Hall.

After working in dental and medical management for various years, Shirley was prepared to take on a new position for a municipal government. With a little over two years of working for the City of Webster, Shirley comes into work with a smile on her face, ready to meet new people and assist them in any way that she can.

"I like what I do, and I like the atmosphere and the helpfulness of others," says Shirley. "It's what keeps me here."

From all of us at City Hall, we thank you for all that you do for us, Shirley! Happy National Receptionist Day!

# BEERS LOOKING AT YOU, KID

National Small Business Week  
May 1-7, 2022



Since its opening in May six years ago, the local bar, Beers Looking At You, has become a staple in the community for beer lovers alike. Through a passion for craft beer and a drive to bring people together, Owner Chris Arolfo views his bar as the sanctuary that made it happen.

“I was in love with craft beer for a really long time,” says Chris. “I wanted to educate and offer people the chance to drink here, learn, take stuff home, and come back.”

Growing up in Friendswood, Texas, Chris is a native of the Webster area with many ties that would eventually inspire him to open a local business where he spent most of his life.

“My grandfather was the first Mayor of League City,” says Chris. “I’ve been in the area for a long time, and I’ve tried to get away, but I kept coming back. It just made sense to open a business close by.”

Although the bar has grown a generous amount since its opening with regular visits, Chris is always looking for new ways to grow. One of his bigger aspirations is to inform his customers about the bar’s variety of beers.

Chris’s inspiration for Beers Looking At You came from a strong desire to want a single location that offers everything he enjoys about his favorite bars.

“The idea for the bar came from my time on the road...I went to bottle shops, tasting rooms, and breweries that offered things this area didn’t,” says Chris. “This bar is a combination of those things.”

Besides welcoming customers to enjoy 39 different taps of beer, Chris likes to think of his bar as a place to bring together a community of individuals with similar interests. Beers Looking At You also hosts events for the public, with their latest one occurring on Sunday, May 1.

With local vendors, food trucks, and live art, the bar will celebrate its 6th anniversary with the community. Beers Looking At You also organizes social events, including cigar pairing, movies, and trivia nights.

“*Casablanca* was obviously the inspiration behind the name. The movie comes from a play called *Everybody Comes to Rick’s*, and the idea is that it’s the only safe haven,” says Chris. “It’s the same for the bar. I want everybody who likes beer to know that they can come here.”

Beers Looking At You is located at 17074 Hwy 3. For more information on the craft beer store and pub, visit [beerslookingatyou.com](http://beerslookingatyou.com).



# CITY COUNCIL RECAP | MARCH 1 AND 15 MEETINGS

## March 1 Meeting

- Police Department K9 Tezer was introduced to City Council.
- Communication Specialist Rebeca Lazo was introduced to City Council.
- City Planner Christopher Guess was introduced to City Council.
- City Council authorized a purchase order for \$72,047.50 to E. Pena's Construction, LLC to construct access improvements at Lift Stations 8, 9, 12, and 15.
- City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with T Construction LLC to replace the existing Old Galveston Road waterline for \$782,579.00
- City Council approved a resolution of the City of Webster authorizing the naming of streets in the project created by the Webster Economic Development Corporation designated as Flyway to correspond with the destination development's brand identity.
- City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Participation Agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards Energy Cooperative.

- City Council authorized a purchase order for \$125,250.51 to MCA Communications to modernize the Council Chamber/Municipal Court Audio Visual system.
- City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. to perform as City Engineer.

## March 15 Meeting

- A Years of Service recognition was presented to Leo Waltz for his 25+ years of service on the City Planning & Zoning Commission.
- City Council authorized a purchase order to Fuquay, Inc. to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer system for \$175,000.000.
- City Council accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ending on December 31, 2021.

Visit [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com) for information on the next City Council Meeting.

## CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

**Jennifer Heidt**

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Council Member Position 2

**Larry Tosto**

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**Beverly Gaines**

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Council Member Position 4

**Edward Lapeyre**

Council Member Position 5

**Martin Graves**

Council Member Position 6

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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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## MAY

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 03 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 08 MOTHER'S DAY**
- 13 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m. at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 17 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 27 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m. at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY**  
*Offices will be closed on Mon., May 30*

## JUNE

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 03 CONCERT AT THE PARK**  
*7 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park  
17100 Texas Ave., in Webster*
- 07 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 10 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m. at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 14 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 19 FATHER'S DAY**
- 21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 24 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 p.m. at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*

*\*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.*

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