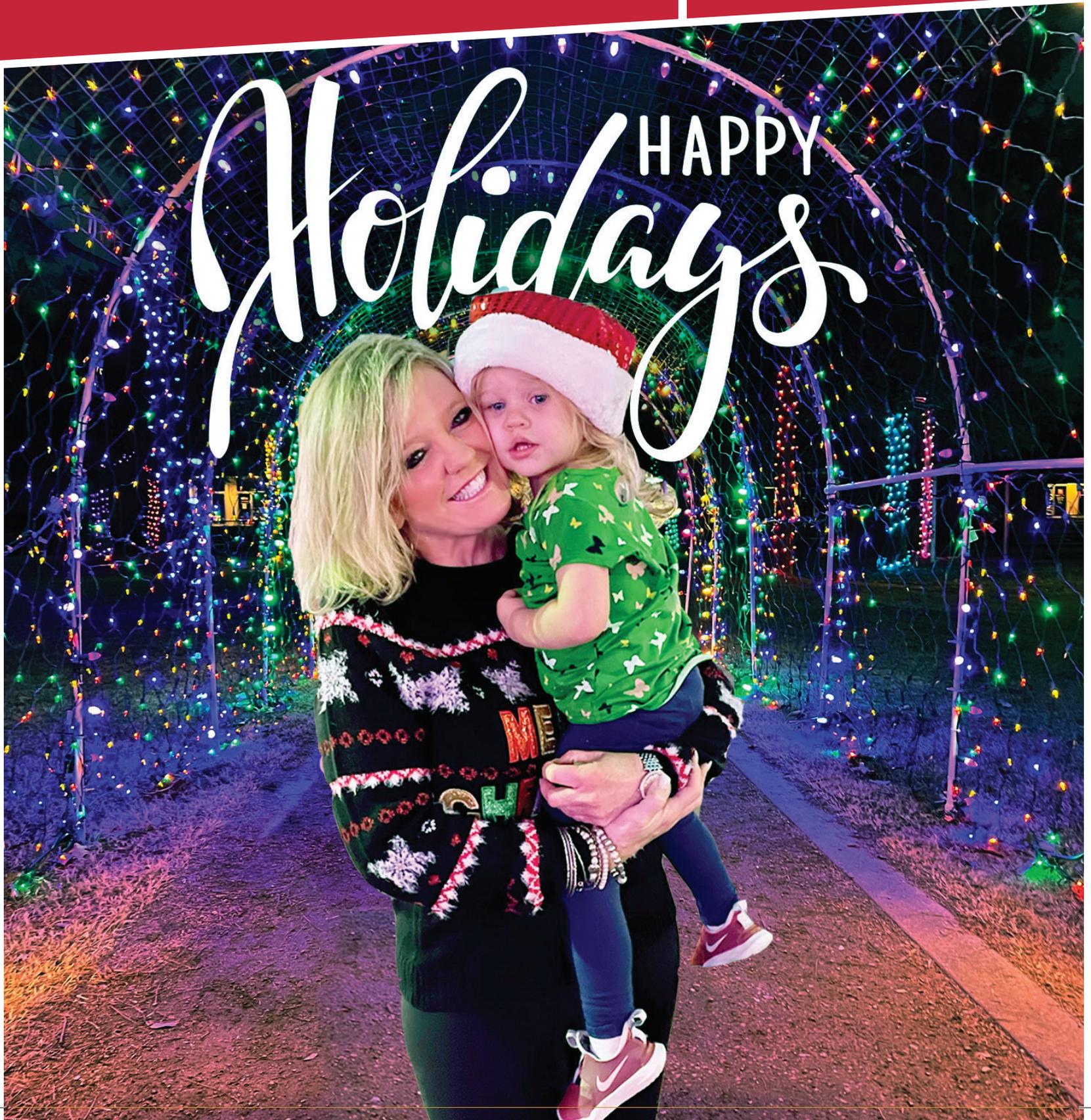


WebsterWay

DECEMBER 2022

HAPPY  
Holidays



# Upcoming Holiday Events



It's that time of year again! Bundle up and join the City of Webster at the annual Christmas in the Park! Enjoy treats from local vendors and the sounds of the Space City Big Band performing favorite holiday hits!

Following the concert, there will be a showing of the movie *Elf* on the Texas Avenue Park lawn beginning at 7 P.M. Also, Santa will be in attendance to take free pictures with children.

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy the exciting festivities at Texas Avenue Park on December 10 from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. See you there!

For more information, visit the City of Webster Facebook page.

## SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 11:30 A.M.  
WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER  
311 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

The City's annual Senior Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, December 14, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Our senior residents are encouraged to attend this delightful event filled with delicious food and good company. We can't wait to celebrate with you!





# Here Comes Santa Claus!

Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 P.M.

Here comes Santa Claus, right down Webster Lane!

The Webster Fire Department will be driving Santa through the neighborhoods on Saturday, December 17, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

Exact routes will be posted on the City's Facebook page closer to the event. Santa and the fire truck will travel through Webdale at 1:00 P.M., then journey through Green Acres, with a final route in Edgewater.



## Christmas Yard Decorating Contest

THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

JUDGES WILL PICK A FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, AND HONORABLE MENTION FOR BOTH THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 3.

YARDS ARE EVALUATED BASED ON THE USE OF COLOR, CREATIVITY, AESTHETIC BEAUTY, AND VARIETY OF DECORATIONS USED.

## To Webster, With Love—Allyne and Mike Ratliff



Allyne and Mike Ratliff: Present Day

With two grocery stores, one post office, and a small dirt road that would later transform into NASA Parkway, Allyne Weber Ratliff remembers the quiet, happy life she once lived in Webster, Texas. As 80 years pass by, she sits in the childhood home she once used to twirl in, reminiscing on all the beautiful memories Webster has given her throughout her many years.

Allyne Weber was born in Webster in 1942 to Arlyne and Alan Weber, both of whom were educators in the area. Alan began his teaching career at Webster High School, where he taught history. A year later, Alan became the principal of Webster High School, and shortly after, Arlyne began working as a second-grade teacher at Webster Elementary. At the time, the elementary school was located in the back building of Webster High.



Allyne's First Grade Class Picture

“Teaching was their life, and they loved it,” says Allyne, “They loved their friends in Webster; the whole City felt like a family.”

In 1949, Allyne attended first grade at Webster Elementary, where she was involved in many extracurricular activities, including the choir, rhythm band, and dance class. However, her favorite childhood memory was when she began to learn how to twirl, which she had longed to do for most of her adolescence.

“From a very young child, I wanted to be a twirler. It was all I would talk about,” says Allyne, “When I was old enough, my parents found a neighbor who was a twirler at Webster High School, and she began teaching me.”



Allyne (third to the left) as a Twirler for Clear Creek High School

When she reached 8th grade, Allyne attended Clear Creek Jr. High, where she was fortunate enough to be a twirler for two years. She then twirled for three years at Webster High School.

“I loved it so much, so I practiced all the time, and my hard work paid off thanks to my Webster neighbor who gave me lessons as a young child,” says Allyne.

Attending Clear Creek Jr. High was a pivotal moment for Allyne—it was where she met her future husband, Mike Ratliff. Mike played football, baseball and ran track throughout junior high and high school.

“We knew many of the same people but were never really close. Upon graduation, we went our separate ways, got married, and had our children,” says Allyne.

Allyne and Mike graduated from Webster High School in 1961. After high school, Allyne attended Lamar University and obtained a bachelor’s degree in education. She then moved to Florida in the late 70s, where she raised her children and taught at Lake Fern Montessori Academy in Lutz for roughly ten years.

After several significant life changes, Allyne was ready to return to the home she once knew in Webster. She began teaching at Clear Lake City Elementary School and reunited with Mike in 1995.

“A friend got a group of Clear Creek alumni together. [Mike and I reunited] there and had a great time,” says Allyne, “Later, we got together again. This time, we danced and got to know each other. After that, we began dating.”

After 30 wonderful years of teaching, Allyne was ready to retire. Clear Lake City Elementary hosted a retirement party in their library for Allyne. Since her



Mike's 9th Grade Class Picture

her parents had a strong legacy of teaching in the district, Channel 13 attended the celebration to cover it, but what they didn't know was that they would also be covering Allyne and Mike's wedding ceremony, which came as a surprise to everyone in attendance.



Allyne and Mike's Wedding Day

“When I was thanking everyone [for attending], I invited them to move to the other side of the library to witness my marriage to Mike,” says Allyne, “ Since I taught first grade, the other first grade teachers were my bridesmaids. My daughter was my maid of honor, and Mike's son was his best man. We celebrated at a restaurant afterward and watched our wedding on TV.”

Although many new changes have made their way through the City, Allyne's family leaves a legacy that remains prominent in the community. In 2002, Clear Creek ISD opened a new school named Arlyne & Alan Weber Elementary after Allyne's parents.

Allyne and Mike have been married for 16 years and reside in Allyne's childhood home in Webster. The walls remain decorated with memorabilia of the past, reminding them of the little town that once was.

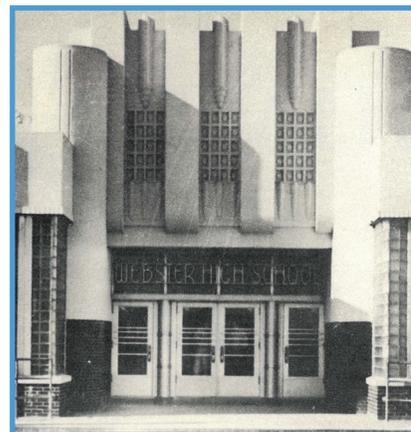
“The small town of Webster grew into a city with restaurants, grocery stores, movie theatres, hospitals, and even a bowling alley,” says Allyne, “It's certainly not the country anymore!”



Mike (Second Row, Second from the Left) in Webster High School's Varsity Football Team



The Ratliffs Pose for a Picture Outside of Allyne's Childhood Home



Webster High School Was Founded in 1938. In 2013, the Campus Name Was Changed to Clear View High School



# Christmas OFFICE HOURS

City Offices will close at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 22.  
Offices will remain closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday,  
December 26.

Republic Services will run as normally scheduled.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON

The Webster Police Department would like to remind everyone to stay alert during the holiday shopping season. As holiday shopping begins, please remember to be vigilant and keep valuables out of sight.

As car theft crimes are more common this time of year, Webster Police Department encourages shoppers to take purchases home after buying them, keep their keys with them at all times, and lock their vehicle doors.

When holiday shopping, make sure to park in a well-lit area, and never leave your car running unattended. If you notice suspicious behavior, do not hesitate to call the Webster Police Department at 281.332.2426.

You can also help the Webster Police Department by registering your security cameras with the City fight crime. Through the program, the Webster Police Department can contact registrants using surveillance cameras in an area where a crime occurred. If called, registrants would be asked to check their security cameras during a specific time frame for videos that may show activity involved with a crime, such as a vehicle or person and the direction of travel.

If you would like to register or learn more about the program, please visit [cityofwebster.com/310/police](http://cityofwebster.com/310/police).



### October 18 Meeting

- City Council adopted an ordinance for the 2022 Ad Valorem tax rate of \$0.10522 for debt service and the rate of \$0.25953 for maintenance and operations, totaling \$0.36475 per \$100 of the taxable value.
- City Council approved a five-year utility rate structure designed to provide financial stability for the utility fund.
- City Council adopted an ordinance establishing charges for the provision of utility services.
- City Council approved the purchase of a Madvac LR50 All-Terrain Litter Vacuum. This vacuum will enhance the City's street cleaning program, which is committed to preventing debris from entering the storm sewer system and ensuring the cleanliness of rights-of-way and City parks.
- City Council approved the purchase of a John Deere 333G Compact Track Loader. The track loader will improve Public Works' ability to work in tight spaces, cut and spread material for rough and fine grading, lift and load large debris, move heavy objects, and break concrete for street and utility repair jobs.
- City Council postponed the proposal for a schematic design for a new Civic Center Complex to a future date.
- City Council approved a purchase of a TYMCO Model 435 Regenerative Air Sweeper. This sweeper will replace the City's 2015 TYMCO Model, which has exceeded its useful life.
- City Council approved the purchase of two fire vehicles. These are replacements for fire operations and fire administration vehicles that have met their useful life for public safety use.
- City Council approved an agreement renewal with Republic Services of Houston for another three years. In this Franchise Agreement renewal, Republic Services has committed once again, beginning December 1, 2022, to provide "free" residential garbage, trash, and recyclable services through November 30, 2025.
- City Council approved the designation of Beverly Gaines as the City of Webster's Representative and Martin Graves as the Official Alternate Representative to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2023.

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

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## DECEMBER

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 02 SENIOR GAME NIGHT**  
*6 P.M. at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.*
- 06 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*
- 10 CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK**  
*From 5-7 P.M.*  
*at Texas Avenue Park* 
- 13 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*
- 20 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*
- 22 CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**  
*City Hall closes at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, Dec. 22. Offices will remain closed on Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26. Seasons Greetings!*

## JANUARY

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY**   
*Happy New Year!*
- 02 NEW YEAR'S CLOSURE**  
*City Offices closed*
- 03 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*
- 10 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*
- 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**  
*City Offices closed*
- 17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 P.M. at City Hall*

\*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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