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**Record-Breaking Tourism Partnership**  
From the Edge of Space to Webster



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## Calendar of Events

### July

2	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
2	6 p.m.	City Council Public Hearing
3	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
4		City Offices Closed for Independence Day
4	5-10 p.m.	4th of July Festivities – Texas Ave. Park
5	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
9	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
16	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
19	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

### August

6	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
9	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
13	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
20	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
23	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

### September

2		City Offices Closed for Labor Day
3	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
4	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
6	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
10	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
17	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
20	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

## Webster Election Results

New Council Members Larry Tosto and Doug North join returning Council Member Natalie Dolan in the Webster Council Chambers on May



21, 2013 to receive their oaths of office. Dolan (left) returns for her second 3-year term in Council Position 5. North (center) assumes duties in Council Position 4. Tosto (right) presides at Council Position 3.

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COVER – Space Center Houston, Webster's award-winning tourism partner, debuts the Red Bull Stratos Mission to the Edge of Space exhibit, including the actual capsule that lifted Felix Baumgartner 24 miles above Earth. Webster City Council stands in front of the historic capsule from which Baumgartner jumped and broke the sound barrier using only his body.

# Focus on Finances

## The Resiliency of Webster's Economy

Newspapers report almost daily on the lackluster economy, the difficult financial times, or some impending fiscal disaster. While that can certainly be said of the national picture, the economies of Houston-area cities have proven quite resilient.

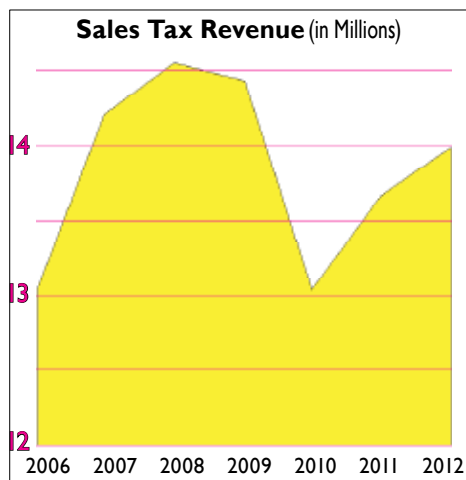
All communities experienced some decline during the "Great Recession;" however, the extent to which business in Webster slowed was far less than other parts of the United States.

To demonstrate, take a look at three key components.

### Sales Tax Revenue

Retail sales in Webster were growing at a rapid pace leading up to the recession. From 2006 to 2007, sales tax revenue increased at a rate of 9.1%. Revenue grew another 2.3% in 2008, peaking at \$14,541,744.

Over the next two years, Webster faced a considerable decline as both the monetary and mental aspects of the recession took hold.



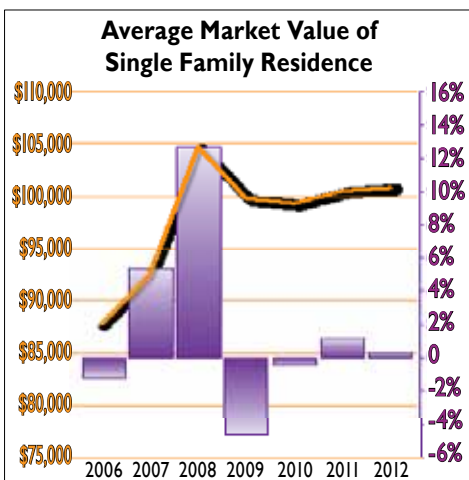
Recovery of sales tax revenue began in earnest during 2011, reaching \$13,993,532 in 2012.

### Home Values

Unlike California, Arizona, and Florida, Webster did not experience huge declines in single-family home prices. Although there have been some price swings, home values have remained relatively steady for the last six years. The average market value for a single-family home (including condominiums and townhomes) in Webster peaked at \$104,717 in 2008. The spike in 2008 was followed by a 4.69% decline in 2009. Modest gains occurred thereafter with the average residential home value attaining \$100,851 in 2012.

### Employment Growth

Employment in the Houston area grew at an annual rate of around 4% in 2006 and 2007. The recession led to a decline of 4% during 2009.

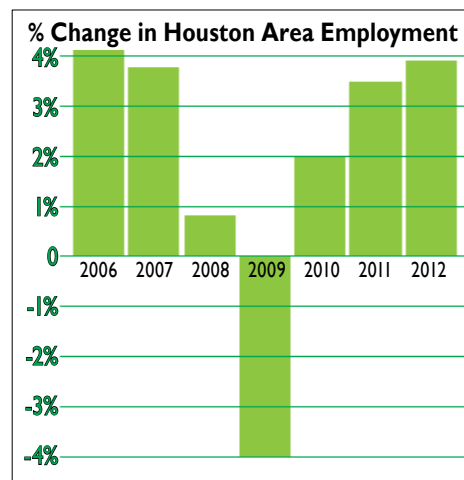


With robust oil and petrochemical industries contributing a large part, employment growth returned to its pre-recession rate of 3.9% in 2012.

### Continued Growth

Many economists predict slower growth in the United States for early 2013, picking up steam in the later half of the year. In contrast, Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts, states in her Biennial Revenue Estimate that the "Texas economy is expected to expand 3.4% in 2013, by a further 3.4% in 2014, and 3.9% in 2015." With a keen eye and thoughtful planning, Webster has proven it can ride out an economic storm.

Each quarter, a brief article on a specific aspect of the City of Webster's finances will be presented in Focus on Finances. Its purpose is to inform citizens and provide an inside look at city government. Is there something you would like to read about in the future? Do you have any financial questions about the City? Call Michael Rodgers, Director of Finance, at 281.316.4102.



## Connect-CTY

The City of Webster has an emergency notification service that enables officials to disseminate messages rapidly to thousands of residents and businesses via telephone, text message, or email. According to Joe Ferro, Webster's Emergency Management Coordinator, "Connect CTY is a free service that enables constituents to receive important information in record time." Registrants can enroll by visiting the Emergency Management page on the City's website. In the wake of a hurricane, emergency, or matter of vital public importance, Connect CTY is an invaluable communication system.

## Webster's Tourism Connection

As Webster celebrates its invaluable, exclusive 13-year partnership with the region's top tourist attraction, Space Center Houston never ceases to deliver novel and extraordinary exhibits and produce riveting events that result in record numbers of visitors. In fact, Space Center Houston's attendance is up 34,000 over last year, and the number of visitors to the attraction's website has doubled.

### *Official Visitors Center*

As NASA's official visitors center, Space Center Houston expertly combines the past, present, and future of space exploration with popular culture and renders the mix both educational and entertaining. The newest exhibits, the *Red Bull Stratos Mission to the Edge of Space* and *CHOMP – Science of Survival*, adhere to Space Center Houston's top-notch programming prowess. Both exhibits are tied to space exploration in quite remarkable ways, and both exhibits debut at Space Center Houston.

### *Edge of Space*

When Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner became the first person to break the speed of sound using only his body and set the world record for the longest parachute jump as he dove from the stratosphere in October 2012 – an astounding chapter in aerospace history unfolded.

The Mission to the Edge of Space



Aviation pioneer Felix Baumgartner is about to take one giant leap from 128,100 feet above Earth and set three world records.

Red Bull Media House

exhibition at Space Center Houston conveys the saga of Baumgartner's record-breaking supersonic free-fall from 128,100 feet above Earth and features the actual Stratos Red Bull capsule and space suit. Baumgartner's jump from the edge of space – he was nearly 40 miles short of the Karman line or the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space – resulted in three world records. When Baumgartner lifted off inside the helium balloon-lofted capsule to an altitude of 24 miles over New Mexico and jumped, he broke the speed of sound using only his body in a free-fall, as he accelerated to a top speed of Mach 1.25 or 844 miles per hour; he ascended to a height never before reached for a manned balloon flight; and he achieved the highest altitude jump – breaking a record set in 1960 by Air Force Colonel Joe Kittinger.

### *Capsule at Space Center Houston*

Space Center Houston was victorious not only in landing the Red Bull Stratos Mission to the Edge of Space exhibition but also in starring as the first attraction nationwide to showcase this feat and artifacts. When the exhibit leaves Space Center Houston in early August 2013, it will travel to the US Space and

Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama; California Science Center in Los Angeles; and the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton, Ohio before arriving at its permanent home at the Smithsonian Institute.

On display at Space Center Houston is the 2,900 pound Stratos capsule that measures 11 feet in length and eight feet in width from which Baumgartner ascended 39 kilometers or 24 miles above Earth. The capsule, which weighs 2,900 pounds, is a technological marvel that safely delivered Baumgartner to the stratosphere – protecting him from subzero temperatures (-95 degrees Fahrenheit), the "death zone" (distance from Earth to 1,000 feet where there is inadequate altitude for a parachute deployment), and decompression



The Stratos capsule, on display at Space Center Houston, operates as Baumgartner's controlled climate as it ascends to a record-breaking altitude of 24 miles – a height never before reached for a manned balloon flight.

sickness. (He did not have to inflate his pressure suit during the ascent, as the capsule was pressurized.) The capsule structure with its four main components – pressure sphere, cage, shell, and base and crush pads – serves to advance the safety and efficacy of space travel and high-altitude escapes from spacecraft, due to the design, testing, and innovation of this sophisticated space vehicle.

**What About the Capsule?**

After Baumgartner’s jump, the capsule, which was attached to a helium balloon, descended under its own parachute to a soft landing approximately 55 miles due east from where it was launched.

While the entire four-year mission forged new scientific and aerospace milestones, the “reefed” parachute system that enabled the capsule

to land more directly and quickly certainly constitutes one of those innovations. Typically, with high-altitude payloads, a recovery parachute deploys fully as soon as the payload (Felix Baumgartner) releases from the balloon. The Red Bull Stratos capsule parachute, however, was “reefed” or restrained with fabric around its circumference during the initial segment of the descent, which enabled the capsule to fall rapidly – up to 350 miles per hour – before full parachute deployment. The Red Bull Stratos capsule – with its advanced curved base that aids in stability during descent or the crush pads that were developed after more than 150 drop tests or the reefed parachute system that enables a more secure landing or the advanced liquid oxygen, liquid nitrogen, and instrumentation systems – scale new aerospace engineering heights.



Felix Baumgartner exits the Stratos capsule at 128,100 feet.



Felix Baumgartner becomes the first person to break the sound barrier without the protection or propulsion of an aircraft.



The Red Bull Stratos four-year mission is about scaling new heights, providing scientific innovation and data, and inspiring people to attempt something great.



Stratos Mission Control monitors Baumgartner’s leap into the record books where Colonel Joe Kittinger serves as mission advisor (seen here in front of the left main monitors).

**STRATOS**  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

10/14/12 @ 9:28:37 MDT  
 TIME OF LIFT-OFF

**127,852.4 FEET**  
 ALTITUDE AT WHICH FELIX BAUMGARTNER  
 STEPPED OFF THE CAPSULE

**50 SECONDS** TO REACH MAXIMUM SPEED OF MACH 1.25  
**34 SECONDS** TO REACH SPEED OF SOUND

**843.6 MPH** FASTEST SPEED ACHIEVED DURING FREEFALL  
**30 SECONDS** DURATION OF SUPERSONIC VELOCITY

**4 MINUTES** DURATION OF FREEFALL  
**13 SECONDS** DURATION OF FLAT SPIN

**20 SECONDS** DURATION OF FREEFALL  
**135.7 MPH** MAXIMUM OVER-LAND SPEED RATE OF CAPSULE

**8,421.3 FEET** HEIGHT WHEN CHUTE WAS OPENED  
**9 MINUTES** TIME FROM JUMP TO LANDING

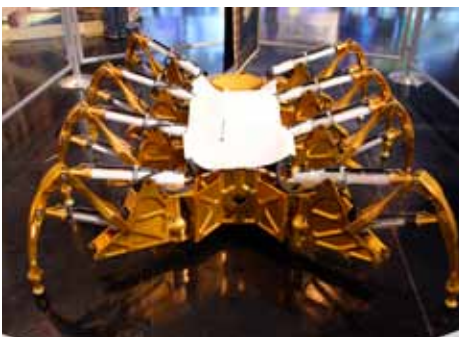
**2 HOURS** TOTAL TIME FELIX SPENT IN AIR FROM LAUNCH TO LANDING  
**119,431.1 FEET** TOTAL VERTICAL DISTANCE OF FREEFALL



Visitors to CHOMP encounter swamp-like enhancements that include a variety of creepy creatures with intriguing space science connections.

### *Innovative Space Suit*

Also part of the exhibit at Space Center Houston is Baumgartner's pressure suit that he wore during his jump. This pressure suit – built by the same manufacturer who made launch and entry suits used by the astronauts on the space shuttle – custom-made Baumgartner's suit to provide mobility necessary for controlled freefall, as well as enhance visual acuity, GPS tracking, and thermal protection. While Baumgartner could have gone to the Moon in this pressure suit, he was able to freefall with agility, flexibility, and comfort – feats that were impossible before the creation of this suit. Baumgartner's full pressure suit and helmet, his personal life support system, were designed to provide protection from temperatures



Learning from nature, NASA modeled the eight-legged Spidernaut after arachnids.

of +100 degrees F to -90 degrees F and could be pressurized to 3.5 pounds per square inch and prevent ebullism – a condition that occurs above 62,000 feet when liquid in tissues can turn to gas and expand dangerously – and avert decompression sickness.

### *65 Years to the Day – October 14*

Precisely 65 years after American test pilot Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in an aircraft, Felix Baumgartner broke the sound barrier in a freefall, without the protection or propulsion of a vehicle. With the assistance of the Red Bull Stratos team of experts, consisting of 250 people, Baumgartner transcended both physical and cognitive limits in a representation of today's "Apollo Moment." Space Center Houston's exhibit conveys this remarkable and historic journey of a 43-year old BASE jumper with 2,500 jumps in his resume who had to learn to work with his team who educated him to become a test pilot. In the four-year process, enormous strides were made in the fields of aerospace medicine, aerospace safety, next-generation space suits and parachute systems, and protocols for high altitude space travel.

### *CHOMP Takes a Bite of Space Science*

Another world premier exhibit this summer at Space Center Houston is CHOMP – The Science of Survival. Within this 6,000 square foot hands-on exhibit, live animals, space science, and daredevil-like fun coalesce. While CHOMP showcases a number of dangerous animals and somewhat unsavory insects whose permanence convey "survival," like the Goliath Bird-Eating Spider, the Haitian Giant Centipede, rare alligators, venomous snakes, sharks, cockroaches, and tubeworms, the correlation between the animals' attributes and space science is revealed. For example, it is the brightly orange-colored skin of poison dart frogs that warns potential predators of their toxicity and serves to distinguish the small amphibian from harmless organisms. Like the dart frog's coloring, "international orange" is the bright color of the suit astronauts wear during NASA launches, as this color is highly visible for search and rescue and sets astronauts apart from their surroundings – especially the blue of the ocean.

CHOMP touts the tenacious, adaptable, successful prowess of arachnids with "Spidernaut," a spider-like robot developed by scientists and engineers at Johnson Space Center that would be deployed on space stations or space docks to build crew vehicles necessary to support human life during long, interplanetary voyages. Spidernaut, like its namesake, spreads its weight on eight legs, travels over structures under construction without damaging them, and creates its own web to move between structures. Another NASA advancement is derived from spider webs, as spider silk is incredibly strong and flexible – with some varieties performing five times as strong as an equal mass of steel and twice as tough as Kevlar – which is used in bullet-proof vests. As some spider



Cologne Zoo, Germany

*International orange, modeled from the poison dart frog, is the color chosen for astronaut suits to aid visibility should search and rescue operations become necessary during launches.*

webs have existed for at least 100 million years, spider silk is durable, naturally-insulating, extremely light, and ultra-strong. Scientists at Johnson Space Center have been engaged in researching, developing, and testing aerogel – the lightest solid known on Earth that resembles spider silk. The correlation between spiders and their webs and aerogel and space dust is illustrated by the exhibit: spiders use their webs to catch insects, and aerogel, which resembles a spider’s web with its strength and flexibility – as one cubic inch of aerogel can be spread out to cover an entire football

field – can trap space dust. Aerogel has already been used to insulate the Mars rover’s electrical equipment and capture space dust from comets. A team of scientists at NASA’s Johnson Space Center are studying space dust captured with aerogel from Comet Wild 2 to unlock secrets about the solar system.

The creatures of CHOMP include sharks with their well-developed vestibular system or navigational aid. As sharks and humans share a similar vestibular system located in the inner ear to sense direction, scientists at Johnson Space Center study effects of zero gravity on humans during long space voyages and potential solutions demonstrated by the sharks’ highly evolved system to aid astronauts in maintaining inner ear balance. Similarly, waterbears, a tiny, segmented animal with eight legs, is virtually indestructible and can survive almost any extreme condition by losing 99% of the water in its body and shutting down its systems in suspended animation until conditions improve. When waterbears were sent to space on the final flight of the Space Shuttle Endeavor, they survived cosmic radiation. In fact, waterbears with their innate ability to repair damage to their DNA enables them to survive 1,000 more radiation than any other animal – including cockroaches.



*Stand nose to snout with some of nature’s most dangerous creatures, and learn how NASA scientists are mimicking their traits to help astronauts live in space.*

exploration.

While CHOMP offers fascinating views of a variety of animals, each specimen has an intriguing connection to space science. From the alligator’s blood-rich bumpy scales on its back that regulate internal body temperature and aid in food digestion to the solar panels on the International Space Station that absorb sunlight and convert it to energy to a study of the tubeworm that thrives nearly two miles deep in the ocean floor by using bacteria to turn toxic chemicals into food – scientists are working on replicating the symbiotic process for developing crops in space. A new vegetable production system is slated to be delivered to the International Space Station this fall, as growing space food has significant ramifications.

Space exploration – the drive to discover, the determination to pursue, the brilliance that’s required to embark, and the courage that’s necessary to arrive – is celebrated at Space Center Houston where riveting exhibits connect the very best of space science – past, present, and future.

The City of Webster is most fortunate to preside as Space Center Houston’s sole municipal partner. Year after year, season after season, Space Center Houston features exciting exhibits, special events, and daily programs in its spectacular facility that drives visitors to Webster’s hotels, restaurants, retailers and entertainment venues.



**Webster City Council Wears International Orange**

*Doug North, Larry Tosto, Floyd H. Myers, Natalie Dolan, Alexandra Dietrich, Diana Newland, and Bill Jones recently posed for photos at Space Center Houston.*

Johnson Space Center scientists are studying the waterbears’ suspended animation and resilience to radiation in an effort to replicate those phenomena for humans during deep space

# Hurricane Season – June 1 - November 30

While hurricane season, which spans from June 1 to November 30, is officially underway, new strategies and guidelines are in effect as a result of lessons learned from the past. One of the most important tactics is an evacuation plan that is based on zip codes, in conjunction with contraflow routes. Whereas past evacuations were chaotic and led to horrific traffic congestion, now a more systematic, regulated approach has been instituted. Harris County Office of Emergency Management publishes the evacuation plan on its website at [www.hcoem.org](http://www.hcoem.org).

The evacuation plan based on zip codes is predicated on the fact that those who reside in closest proximity to water and are most vulnerable to a storm surge should be the first to evacuate. Contraflow routes, along the major corridors, are designed to facilitate traffic flow.

While Webster has two ZIP codes, 77598 and 77058, most of the City is in Zone B, with a small portion in Zone A. There are three “Coastal Zone” evacuation route choices for Webster constituents – depending on anticipated hurricane landfall location: I-45, SH-6, and SH-146.



Evacuation Routes  
by ZIP Codes

Zone A    Zone B    Zone C

## Contraflow Routes

Four contraflow routes have been designated to expedite traffic during an evacuation. Texas Department of Public Safety is responsible for activating these special lane reversals in specific areas:

### Interstate 10 West to San Antonio

Contraflow operations begin east of FM 359 in Brookshire where traffic in two westbound lanes will cross over to the contraflow side to travel westbound. Contraflow lanes will culminate at Loop 1604 in San Antonio.

### Interstate 45 North to Dallas

Contraflow operations begin north of FM 1488, near The Woodlands, where some northbound traffic will cross over to the contraflow side. Motorists will have access to fuel stations at multiple locations along Interstate 45. Contraflow lanes will culminate at US 287 near Ennis, which is 40 miles south of Dallas.

### Interstate 59 North to Nacogdoches

Contraflow operations begin south at FM 1485 and continue to Nacogdoches.

### Highway 290 West to Austin

Contraflow operations begin west of FM 1960 / SH 6 where traffic from SH 6 or FM 1960 joins US 290 contraflow lanes in route to Austin or Waco.

## Power Outages Likely

As state and local government have solidified evacuation routes in an effort to improve health, safety, and welfare, CenterPoint Energy is cognizant of the havoc that hurricanes can wreak, including widespread power outages. While

CenterPoint Energy's initial response is to secure fallen power lines and restore service to critical facilities, secondary repairs are made to restore power to the greatest number of customers rapidly.

Since power outages are likely to accompany hurricanes, CenterPoint extends these parameters as a guide to ease frustration and encourage planning for consumers:

- **Category 1** storm with winds between 74-95 miles per hour (mph), power outage could last 7-10 days.
- **Category 2** storm with winds between 96-110 mph, power outage could last 2-3 weeks.
- **Category 3** storm with winds between 111-129 mph, power outage could last 3-5 weeks.
- **Category 4** storm with winds between 130-156 mph, power outage could last 4-6 weeks.
- **Category 5** storm with winds at 157 miles and greater, power outage could last 6-8 weeks.

CenterPoint Energy's website has more information on power outages and power restoration at [www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com).

## Flood Plain Maps

FEMA Flood Plain maps of the region can be viewed on the City's website, [www.cityofwebster.com](http://www.cityofwebster.com), or by contacting Derhyl Hebert, Community Development Director, at 281.316.4129.

## NOAA Forecast

With NOAA forecasting an active or extremely active hurricane season, preparedness can make a big difference down the line – have an emergency plan, make an emergency kit, and become informed. Learn more about how to prepare for hurricane season at [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) or [www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare).

## Protecting Waterways

Because water is one of the most valuable resources, it is important to protect local waterways through cooperation and education. Pollutants, such as grass clippings, leaves, debris, and chemicals severely damage the ecosystem and do great harm to Galveston Bay, which is the ultimate discharge destination for Webster and many area cities.

The City recently completed a significant storm drain cleaning project, which consisted of jetting and vacuuming inlets and storm drain pipes throughout Webster. This procedure alleviates potential flooding and reduces harmful pollutants to Galveston Bay.

The City of Webster is committed to protecting natural waterways from environmental damage caused by runoff pollution. This is accomplished by periodically inspecting and cleaning the City's storm sewer system.

Webster's Drainage Division, led by Jesse Espinoza, works continuously to improve the municipality's drainage system through inspections, maintenance, and outreach. For more information, please contact Public Works Drainage Division at 281.316.3700 or jespinoza@cityofwebster.com.



On an annual basis, crews jet and vacuum storm drain lines and inlets to alleviate potential flooding and reduce harmful pollutants.

## Webster Awards and Recognitions



Floyd H. Myers (L) and Bill Jones

Texas Municipal League Institute recently awarded Mayor Floyd H. Myers and Council Member Bill Jones with top honors – that of “Certified Municipal Official.” Both Myers and Jones completed the Institute's stringent number of educational programs within a 12-month period to earn this special recognition, which constitutes the highest level of certification offered to elected officials who are members of Texas Municipal League – a non-profit organization that provides cities with legislative, legal, and educational services. Myers and Jones exhibited their commitment and dedication in enhancing their policy-making and leadership skills by achieving this prestigious designation.



Stephen Shen (L) accepts special recognition from Joe Ferro on behalf of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Emergency Operations Coordinator Joe Ferro presented Webster's Senior Accountant Stephen Shen with special recognition from the Texas Division of Emergency Management for creating mathematical formulas and methodologies used in determining equitable distributions of grant funds.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant Program is used by state and local jurisdictions to pay for resources, supplies, or programs to help improve emergency performance capabilities.



Fred Spencer

Webster's Assistant Fire Chief Fred Spencer was selected as the recipient of the Space Center Rotary Club's Fire Fighter of the Year and Excellence in Public Service Award for unsurpassed and exemplary service.

During Spencer's 35-year tenure with the Webster Fire Department, he has performed every duty from firefighter to fire chief. Spencer holds some of the highest certificates available in fire service and considers education to be one of the greatest forms of achievement. Spencer continues to excel and surpass expectations and is a tribute to the Department.



David Nettles (C) receives the Beacon Award from Bay Area Turning Point officials.

On an annual basis, Bay Area Turning Point, a regional organization that provides recovery services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and facilitates prevention strategies, presents its Beacon Award to an individual who propels the organization's mission in exceptional ways through business, social, and personal activities.

Webster Police Detective David Nettles has been honored with the Beacon Award for 2013, as he is an advocate for Bay Area Turning Point and helps those who are victims of family violence or sexual assault with receiving the care, assistance, and education that the organization provides.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

## Texas Avenue Park – 5 p.m.

An evening of family fun featuring a Salute to Veterans, bingo, entertainers, inflatables, concessions, and games, plus free watermelon and snow cones

### Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

No alcoholic beverages or pets allowed. Texas Avenue Park will close following the fireworks.

## Webster Yards of the Month



**Residential – March**  
**David Compton**  
 313 Slossen St.



**Residential – April**  
**Miguel & Rebeka Arizola**  
 521 Stone Crossing



**Residential – May**  
**Roger & Georgia Smithwick**  
 424 Hubert St.



**Commercial – March**  
**Oasis of Love Church**  
 471 S. Austin St.



**Commercial – April**  
**Arium Edgewater Apartments**  
 200 Water St.



**Commercial – March**  
**Bay Area Ob-Gyn**  
 17 Professional Park Dr.

# Public Meeting Notes

## *February 5, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Received a report, held a discussion, and gave direction to Staff regarding the proposed Mobile Food Truck regulations within the City of Webster.
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) with MuniServices, LLC, for local hotel occupancy tax program audit services to be paid from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. (For: Myers, Dietrich, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, and Jones. Against: Newland).
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement to participate in an Advertising/Marketing Program with Space Center Houston from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution supporting legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Programs, and the Texas State Park System. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution declaring "Webster Cleanup Weeks". (Unanimous)
- Held a discussion and gave direction to Staff regarding ordinances and procedures for detention and retention ponds in the City of Webster.
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance 09-10 designating school zone speed limits 25 miles per hour and times for certain points along Medical Center Boulevard. (Unanimous).
- Received a report, held a discussion, and gave direction to Staff regarding the proposed Fun-Run Policy.
- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2012. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013, as amended. (Unanimous)

## *February 19, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance 09-10 designating school zone speed limits 25 miles per hour and times for certain points along Medical Center Boulevard. (Unanimous).
- Set the date for City Council's Strategic Planning Session for Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. to review, discuss, and provide direction on issues surrounding the creation of the City of Webster Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Proposed Annual Budget. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution readopting curfew regulations for minors in the City of Webster, Texas. (Unanimous).
- Postponed setting a Public Hearing date calling for a moratorium of Ordinance No. 10-12 regarding detention/retention ponds; or draft an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 10-12 and bring back to Council for consideration. (Unanimous).

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending requirements regulating stormwater facility maintenance and inspections. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2013, as amended. (Unanimous).

## *March 5, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Ferro accepted on behalf of the City of Webster, the Excellence in Emergency Management Award from the Emergency Management Association of Texas for our participation in the Shuttleblatation project.
- Held a Public Hearing on an amendment of impact fees, the purpose of which is to consider Land Use Assumptions, a Capital Improvements Plan, and the proposed 2012 update of the Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Draft Study prepared by Freeze & Nichols, Inc.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending requirements regulating stormwater facility maintenance and inspections. (Unanimous)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting revised land use assumptions, capital improvements plans, and impact fees for water and wastewater. (For: Newland, Dietrich, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, and Jones. Abstain: Myers).
- Presentation of the 2012 Racial Profiling Report as filed with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance regulating fun-runs within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2013. (Unanimous).

## *March 19, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Held a Public Hearing to receive Public comments on amendments to the zoning ordinance to regulate mobile food trucks within the City of Webster.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting revised land use assumptions, capital improvements plans, and impact fees for water and wastewater. (Unanimous).
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance regulating fun-runs within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance creating mobile food truck regulations within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution amending certain fees with the City adding fun-runs application fee at the same cost as parades. (Unanimous).
- Approved a resolution to protect and defend the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. (Unanimous).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance with revision relating to deposits, connection and disconnection of utility services,

surcharges, and tampering. (Unanimous).

- Postponed consideration of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2013. (Unanimous).

## *March 23, 2013, City Council Special Meeting*

- Held a workshop for the annual City Council/Staff Planning Session.

## *April 2, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Mayor Myers read the proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2013, as National Parkinson's Awareness Month.
- Mayor Myers read a proclamation proclaiming May 6 through May 12, 2013, as Celebration of Texas STEM Education Week in Webster, Texas.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance creating mobile food truck regulations within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance with revision relating to deposits, connection and disconnection of utility services, surcharges and tampering. (Unanimous).
- Authorized the City to sell one surplus fire vehicle to the City of Nassau Bay, Texas. (Unanimous).
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance with amendments regulating walking signs and panhandling within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2013 and the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2013. (Unanimous).

## *April 16, 2013, City Council Meeting*

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance with amendments regulating walking signs and panhandling within the City of Webster. (Unanimous).
- Denied request from Arts Alliance for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous)
- Approved request from Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous).
- Approved request from Space Center Houston for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous).
- Denied request from the Texas Outlaw Challenge for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous).
- Denied request from the University of Houston Clear Lake "comiCulture symposium" for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous).
- Approved request from Wings Over Houston Airshow for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding. (Unanimous).
- Approved the appointment of Angela Lee Kelley as an unpaid Reserve Officer to the Webster Police Department. (Unanimous).
- Held an Executive Session.
- Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 23, 2013 and the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2013. (Unanimous).

**City Officials**

Mayor: Floyd Myers.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 1: Diana Newland.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 2: Alexandra Dietrich.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 3: Larry Tosto.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 4: Doug North.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 5: Natalie Dolan.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 6: Bill Jones.....	281.332.1826

**City Offices – 101 Pennsylvania Ave.**

EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police.....	9-1-1
City Hall Main Switchboard.....	281.332.1826
Building Permits.....	281.338.2925
Chief Building Official.....	281.316.4138
City Manager.....	281.332.1826
City Secretary.....	281.332.1826
City Planner.....	281.316.4122
Code Enforcement.....	281.316.4106
Community Development Director.....	281.316.4129
Economic Development Director.....	281.316.4116
Economic Development Specialist.....	281.316.4135
Emergency Management.....	281.316.3712
Environmental Health Inspector.....	281.316.4133
Finance Director.....	281.316.4102
Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #1 – 17100 Texas Avenue.....	281.332.2711
Fire Station #2 & Fire Marshal – 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.....	281.332.2711
Human Resources (Personnel).....	281.332.1826
Marketing & Tourism.....	281.316.4121
Municipal Court.....	281.338.6702
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	
217 Pennsylvania Ave.....	281.332.2426
Public Works Service Center.....	281.316.3700
Recreation.....	281.316.4137
Webmaster.....	281.316.4121

**City Services**

Animal Control.....	281.316.3700
City Trash Hauling.....	281.316.3700
Civic Center Rental.....	281.316.4114
Republic Services (residential).....	281.446.2030
Republic Services (commercial).....	713.849.0400
Tickets - To Pay By Credit Card.....	281.338.6702
Utility Billing.....	281.316.4120
Water/Sewer Line Breaks.....	281.316.3700

**Telephone & Utility Services**

AT&T.....	800.464.7928
CenterPoint Energy.....	281.534.4569
Comcast.....	800.776.9993
Reliant Energy.....	713.207.7777
Verizon.....	800.483.4000

**Government Services**

Clear Lake City Water Authority.....	281.488.1164
Clear Lake Courthouse Annex.....	281.486.7250
Harris County Tax Office.....	713.224.1919
Harris County Public Health.....	713.439.6000
Poison Control (UTMB).....	800.222.1222
Texas Dept. of Public Safety (Drivers License).....	281.486.8242
U.S. Post Office, 17077 Texas Avenue.....	281.316.0379

**Community Services**

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.....	832.536.3255
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership.....	832.771.0773
Bay Area Turning Point Hotline (domestic violence, sexual assault, homeless).....	281.286.2525
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.....	281.488.7676
Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library.....	281.488.1906
Innovative Alternatives.....	832.864.6000
Interfaith Caring Ministries.....	281.332.3881

**City Council**



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Council Position 1



Alexandra Dietrich  
Council Position 2



Larry Tosto  
Council Position 3



Floyd H. Myers  
Mayor



Doug North  
Council Position 4



Natalie Dolan  
Council Position 5



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Council Position 6