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PET HEALTH SAFETY DAY & ADOPTION EVENT

January 27 at the Webster Civic Center

Webster Animal Control will be hosting its annual Pet Health Safety Day and Adoption Event on Saturday, January 27 at the Webster Civic Center.

Stop by and view all the lovable animals ready for adoption. There will be local shelters and rescue groups present along with local pet service providers presenting information about their services, general pet care, and health issues.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for $15 and city registration tags and microchips will be free!

Come join the fun on Saturday, January 27 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Webster Civic Center, located at 311 Pennsylvania Ave., in Webster.

WEBSTER EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

The City of Webster employees are hardworking individuals and in the past month, several have received new certifications, awards, and recognitions.

DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY MARISELA GARCIA

On December 13, Webster Deputy City Secretary Marisela Garcia was installed as the President of the Texas Municipal Clerk Association- Salt Grass Chapter.

The organization promotes the professional development of city clerks and city secretaries.

ASSITANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHN WARNEMENT

On December 15, Assistant Public Works Director John Warnement was installed as President of the American Public Works Association - Southeast Branch of the Texas Chapter. John also received the American Public Works Association Texas Chapter Richard Ridings Community Involvement Award this year.

POLICE DETECTIVE JUAN QUINTANA

On December 18, Detective Juan Quintana was recognized by Police Chief Danny Presley for his efforts in a recent case.

Detective Quintana was assigned to investigate a case involving a Webster resident who was robbed at gunpoint in November. His only lead was an attempted transaction on one of the victim's credit cards and another transaction on her debit card. Thanks to the help of the store manager, the detective was able to positively identify the suspect on November 10.

On November 28, with the assistance of Houston Police Department, the suspect was located and after a vehicle pursuit, he was arrested.

The dangerous suspect was also wanted for felony crimes in Louisiana. Detective Juan Quintana's time, dedication and determination led to the successful resolution of this case.

WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT DAY SHIFT B

On December 7, City Manager Wayne Sabo recognized Police Corporal Leroy Romero, Sergeant Mark Rawls, Officer Gary Wirt, Officer Gilbert Jimenez, Lead Telecommunication Officer (TCO) Tiffany Swanson, TCO Nancy Ludlow, and TCO Leslie Folks for their efforts in a recent arrest.

On November 24, Cpl. Romero responded to a call of a Motor Vehicle Burglary. He located the vehicle and attempted to stop them but the suspects fled. Sgt. Rawls joined the pursuit, which ended up at a Walmart parking lot. Romero, along with Sgt. Rawls, Officer Wirt, Officer Jimenez, and Precinct 8 deputies, began a search inside the store and apprehended the two suspects shortly after.

During the incident, TCO Swanson was coordinating the officer's radio traffic while TCO Folks and TCO Ludlow were busy talking to victims, witnesses, and neighboring agencies for assistance. This was an entire shift effort and incredible teamwork to get two career criminals off our street.

THE MYSTERY OF THE HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS

Handwritten documents fell into the hands of Webster Police Detectives after a burglar was apprehended four years ago. The handwritten papers that dated back to as early as 1668 were found in a briefcase that was in a motel room that the culprit had rented before he was arrested.

Police had attempted to find the rightful owners and had looked into various historical associations with no luck.

On Wednesday, November 29, information and photos of the documents were posted on the Webster Facebook and Instagram Page. The post immediately caught the attention of the community and the original post was shared nearly 200 times.

The following week, KHOU featured the story on the evening news. Soon after, a viewer sent in a tip to WPD.

On Tuesday, December 5, Webster Detective Vincent Werner was able to return the documents to the rightful owner.

Turns out, the documents were from a residential burglary in Houston that occurred the day before Webster Officers arrested the crooks.

Webster Police Department confirmed the stolen documents with the Houston Police Department case number and the mystery behind the old paperwork was solved.

Christmas Tree Removal

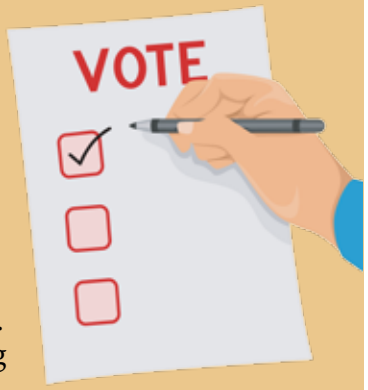
REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL BE OFFERING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL TREE BAGS, ORNAMENTS, TINSEL, AND STANDS, AND CUT ALL TREES TALLER THAN SIX FEET IN HALF.

TREES WILL BE COLLECTED ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAYS. FIND YOUR LOCAL SERVICE DETAILS AT REPUBLICSERVICES.COM.

2018 ELECTION INFORMATION

Notice of deadline to file application



The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on May 5, 2018.

The filing period to apply for a place on the General Election ballot is January 17 through February 16, 2018. Council Positions 1 and 2 will be on the May ballot.

Incumbents respectively are Jennifer Heidt and Andrea Wilson. Election packets for interested candidates are available on the City website at cityofwebster.com.

Residents must be registered to vote by April 5, 2018, if you wish to vote in the May 5 election. Voter registration cards are available at the Harris County Clerk's Office. Don't forget to bring your picture ID to vote.

The deadline for submitting an application for a ballot to be voted by mail is April 24, 2018.

VOTING HOURS

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue as follows: ***April 23 -April 26*** 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., ***April 27*** - 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., ***April 30 and May 1*** - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. ***On Election Day***, voting will be conducted at Webster City Hall from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Above: *Pat and Paul Casinger at the Webster Christmas Party on December 16, 1995.*

WE ARE *WEBSTER*

PAT AND PAUL CASINGER

When Pat Casinger was 18 years old, she moved from her hometown of Louise, Texas to Houston by herself in search of a job. She soon built a career in clerical work but spent her spare time dancing the night away at local clubs.

At that time, Paul, a native Houstonian, was working for Houston Lighting and Power in Houston but had a similar affinity for dancing. The two met one night while out on the town, and the rest is history.

After getting married in 1974, Pat and Paul moved to Sugar Land and had their son Steven, and two daughters Paul had from a previous marriage, Brenda and Rebecca would visit often. In 1989, in an effort to cut down Paul's commute, the family moved to Webster.

Pat was a stay-at-home mom upon moving to Webster, and very early on was presented with the opportunity to become involved in City of Webster activities.

"They were putting on the 100-year celebration for Webster and they said 'you should come and help us plan,'" Pat explained. "So I went and I was able to meet some people. I came on and started planning with the celebration committee and had a good time. From then on, anything they needed, I volunteered for."

Pat has since been on numerous boards including the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and currently the Animal Control Board. Paul has followed suit and currently holds a spot on the Animal Control Board, as well.

"Pat is the kind of person that if she gets involved in something, she wants to make a change and be a force," Paul said.

"And in Webster, you can do that," Pat added. "I found that I was able to make a change and I loved it."

Since 1989, Pat and Paul have been a part of multiple notable changes in Webster. Pat was a part of the addition of Walnut Park and the expansion of Texas Avenue Park, and she assisted in the creation of the Recreation Department.

"Once we had the Recreation Department we had all kinds of things like dances, pool parties, Halloween carnivals," Pat recalled. "Now kids come for summer camp, and we have the senior program as a result of the Recreation Department."

The couple is passionate about recycling, so in the 1990s, they helped implement a recycling program in Webster.

Part of the beautification of the City also led Pat, Paul, and others in the community to sell mulch and soil door-to-door in Webster.

"Public Works would have these big trailers of soil and mulch and we would unload it in the neighborhoods," explained Pat. "We also planted Water Oak Trees. I remember coming home after Paul planted ours and I told him 'Don't run over it with the lawnmower, it looks like a twig.' And now they are big beautiful trees."

Aside from attending regular Animal Control Board meetings, Pat and Paul spend their spare time with friends at Senior Game Night, and with their children and five grandchildren.

The Casingers said that although the City has grown incredibly, the closeness of the neighbors is still there.

"Eight years ago I was diagnosed with cancer, and the group that I play Bunco and dominos with got together and helped us. I didn't have to cook for a week," Pat explained.

"You don't see that often," Paul added. "That is the beauty of a small town.

"That was really special to me," said Pat. "We have a lot of good people that live here. That's why we love Webster."

EMPLOYEE *CONNECT*

RON GAINES

After nearly 20 years of service to Webster, Fire Marshal Ron Gaines is retiring on February 5, 2018.

Ron's firefighting career began in the City of Lake Jackson as a volunteer firefighter in the 1980s. He quickly realized that the fire service was what he wanted to do and he went back to school to receive his certification. Soon after, he began working full-time for the Freeport Fire Department.

Ron was working as a firefighter in Freeport until the Fire Marshal position opened up and he took over. In the position, he also held the title of Building Official.

It wasn't long before he was recruited to the City of Sealy as the Fire Marshal and Building Official Assistant. He decided to go back to school to become a certified police officer- a requirement of becoming a fully licensed Fire Marshal.

In 1999, Ron accepted the position of Fire Marshal in Webster, and he and his wife Beverly relocated.

As Webster Fire Marshal, Ron has stayed busy helping with inspections, plan reviews, and investigations of every fire. He has taught preventative seminars for adults and children, and has helped keep the Webster Antique Fire Truck operational when needed.

During his career, he has taught at fire schools, he has been deployed several times for natural disasters, and he has been involved in many life rescues.

Most recently, Ron was deployed to Dickinson to help with the Harvey floods. For 12 days, he assisted with high water rescues and delivered food and water to victims. He has also assisted in the deployments to Deweyville in 2016, the Bastrop fires in 2011, and he has worked through every hurricane since Hurricane Alicia.

As Fire Marshal, Ron oversees the planning and building of commercial businesses in Webster. He assists Building Official Erich Pen in the planning stages and is dedicated to making the buildings safe for everyone.

"I have been asked why I look at things the way I do during building construction," said Ron. "It's because our firefighters have to go into the building after everyone else exits in an emergency. So, yeah, I am going to be looking at how the building is put together and if it is to code.

"Through our efforts, I think we do a really good job keeping the firefighters safe."

Ron is also a key player in the Webster Fourth of July Celebration's Fireworks Show. Each year he assists with the design and wiring of the hour-long show. He said that if asked, he would help with the fireworks shows for years to come.

Although life will be different once Ron leaves the fire department, he says there will be no boredom in his retirement.

He plans to spend more time with his favorite hobbies which include photography, working on cars, and spending time with Beverly, along with his mother, daughter, and granddaughter who also live in Webster.

When asked what his advice would be for the incoming Fire Marshal, Ron said "to develop a partnership with people you work with, not only within the city but with the constituents. Allow them to educate you and you to educate them. When you make the bridge, it'll work out fine."

The community is invited to celebrate the retirement of Fire Marshal Ron Gaines on January 20, from 6:35 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. at the Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. RSVP to Beverly Gaines at 281.316.9977 by January 13.

Holiday Yard Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2017 Holiday Yard Award Winners! On the evening of Monday, December 18, the Holiday Yard judges toured the entire City looking for the top residential holiday displays. There was a fantastic turnout of festive decorations and it wasn't an easy decision, as all the holiday adornments and trimmings were charming and cheerful!

WEST 1ST PLACE
216 HENRIETTA ST.

WEST 2ND PLACE
428 HUBERT ST.

WEST 3RD PLACE
427 TRAVIS ST.

WEST HONORABLE MENTION
400 LINDA LN.

EAST 1ST PLACE
19514 OLD GALVESTON RD.

EAST 2ND PLACE
18206 KINGS ROW

EAST 3RD PLACE
609 WEST FORK

EAST HONORABLE MENTION
642 BEALS CREEK LN.

Happy New Year!

WEBSTER OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1 AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2. RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE TRASH SERVICES THE FOLLOWING DAY.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WEBSTER CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16. TRASH WILL RUN AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED.

▼ WEBSTER EAGLE UPDATE

In November, the Webster Eagles returned to resident Paul White's property and assumed their normal positions in the four-year-old nest.

In December, the Webster Eagles laid their first egg of the season.

To stay updated on the majestic birds and their new egg, follow the City of Webster Facebook page for regular posts.

▼ AARP TAX AIDE

Tax season is right around the corner, don't let the numbers frustrate you. AARP Tax-Aide is here to help!

February 3 - April 17, AARP representatives will be offering FREE tax-aide at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., during the following hours:

Mondays- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays- 12 p.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

▼ PRESIDENTS' DAY

Webster City Offices will remain open for Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19.

Trash schedules will run the regularly scheduled pick up.

▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on ***Tuesday, February 6 and February 20 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers.

Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check cityofwebster.com for meeting information.

▼ VALENTINES DAY

Valentines Day is on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Show someone you love a good time in Webster at one of our many five-star restaurants or exciting entertainment venues.

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January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Offices closed *New Year's Day* 1	**City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 2	**Webster Aerobics** *Mon. & Wed. 6 p.m.-7 p.m* 3	4	5	**Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.* 6
7	8	**Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.* 9	10	11	12	13
14	**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** *City offices closed* 15	**City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 16	*First day to file an application to be placed on the general election ballot* 17	18	19	***Ron Gaines Retirement Party*** *Read more on Page 5* 20
21	22	23	24	25	**Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 26	***Pet Health Safety Day*** *10 a.m. - 2 p.m.* **WEBSTER'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION** 27
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