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WELCOME TO WEBSTER

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST BUSINESSES TO THE CITY

Exciting new things are on the horizon for the City of Webster. The Economic Development Department and Corporation have been working diligently to grow the commercial tax base. Join us in welcoming the newest commercial constituents to Webster!

Navy Federal Credit Union, located at 20070 Gulf Freeway, represents one of the four new full-service branches that were constructed and opened in late 2017 by the nation's largest credit union. Navy Federal Credit Union recently opened the new branch in Webster and the company plans to open four more branches in Houston during 2018.

Noon & Mirch Cuisine of India, located at 505 East NASA Parkway, is the anchor and catalyst for the newly constructed center. Monica Nanda, whose history in Webster goes back to 1993 when she opened Cuisine of India at Challenger Plaza, relocated to Nassau Bay in 2009, returns back to Webster. The restaurant features a daily buffet, as well as extensive menu offerings and a full bar.

Vino e Formaggio Cafe, located at 20801 Gulf Fwy., is a new wine bar that offers over 60 wines, a variety of beer, and specialty cuisine that accompanies and complements liquor, like cheese, olives, fruit, paninis, pizza, and salad. The venue even features live entertainment on the weekends.

Help support Webster, and check out the newest businesses this month!

From England to Webster

MEET WEBSTER'S NEWEST POLICE OFFICER

Meet the newest Webster Police Officer, Sam Davis!

Originally from England, Officer Davis has had an exciting career path that has led him from England to Bermuda, and finally to America. He began his police career in England as a member of the SWAT Team for seven years. He then moved to Bermuda and worked for the SWAT Team for four years before ultimately moving to the United States. He worked for the NASA SWAT Team for six years but joined the Webster Team in January 2018.

According to Officer Davis, the biggest difference in policing in the United States versus Bermuda and England is the terminology and the use of firearms. The officer explained that in both Bermuda and England, police officers do not carry guns unless they are specialized in firearms. There are armed response vehicles that patrol the area and support the officers if needed.

Davis will graduate from the Pasadena Police Academy on January 26 and will begin patrolling the Webster streets on January 29.

WE WANT YOU FOR THE *Celebration Committee*

Each year the City of Webster Fourth of July Celebration grows, with more vendors, visitors and activities for the community. There is no doubt that the 2018 Celebration will be even bigger and better than ever, but we need your help!

The City's Celebration Committee meets once a month starting in March, and if necessary, more frequently closer to the event.

Committee members then attend the Celebration and hand out party favors and help to ensure the show is executed according to schedule.

Residents are encouraged to join the Celebration Committee and help to bring new ideas to the table for the 2018 Celebration.

Contact Heather Cherry at 281.316.4108 for more information. The Committee Meetings will be held at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue, and everyone is welcome to attend!

The meeting date and time will be published in the March newsletter as well as on the City's website and Facebook page. Come join in the fun for this wonderful event!

TRAIL RIDERS WILL BE PASSING THROUGH WEBSTER AGAIN IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2018 RODEO. FOLLOW THE CITY FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES ON WHERE AND WHEN YOU CAN SEE THEM IN WEBSTER.

AARP TAX AIDE

Tax season is here, and AARP is here in Webster to help! From February 3 until 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.**
Saturdays:	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ELECTION INFORMATION

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

FILE TO RUN FOR OFFICE

The filing period to apply for a place on the General Election ballot is January 17 through February 16, 2018. Council Position No. 1 and Council Position No. 2 will be on the May ballot. Current office holders respectively are Jennifer Heidt and Andrea Wilson. Election packets for interested candidates are available online at www.cityofwebster.com.

DRAWING FOR ORDER OF NAMES ON BALLOT

The drawing for order of names on the ballot is February 22, 2018; 4:00pm in the City Secretary's Office located at City Hall; 101 Pennsylvania Avenue.

REGISTER TO VOTE

You 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.

VOTE BY MAIL

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

EARLY VOTING

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 & May 1: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, voting will be conducted at the Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue, from 7am-7pm. A voting device to assist voters with a disability will be available during early voting and on Election Day.

As Chief Elections Officer of the City of Webster, I strongly encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote. If you are not registered, get registered. It is a painless process and allows your voice to be heard. Contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826 or visit the City's website at www.cityofwebster.com for more information.

Crystal Roan, City Secretary

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING IN PERSON

Senate Bill 5, The Voter Identification Bill, requires a voter to present a photo identification to qualify to vote in all elections held in Texas. Under Senate Bill 5, the acceptable forms of identification for a voter to qualify to vote include a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS, Texas personal identification card issued by DPS, Texas License to Carry a Handgun issued by DPS, United States military identification card containing the person's photograph, United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph, or a United States passport.

For more information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826.

Above: *Photo taken of Ashan Chang and her husband, Chin-Sheng in Taipei at their home in her 1960s.*

WE ARE ***WEBSTER***

ASHAN CHANG

Born in 1914, in a hillside village of Northern Taiwan, Ashan Chang, 103, is Webster's oldest resident.

Ashan was born and raised near Taipei, Taiwan and it wasn't until 1998 that she moved to Webster.

While growing up, Ashan's family operated a very successful tea business in Taiwan. But, after she married Chin-Sheng Chen in 1938 and started a family, she became very busy with their eight children, four girls and four boys.

In 1986 the family immigrated to the United States, but it wasn't until 1999 that Ashan became an American citizen. Currently, her oldest daughter is living in Taipei, and the rest of the children have made a home in the United States.

According to Ashan's daughter-in-law, Dee, when Ashan and her husband, Chin-Sheng moved to Webster, it was their golden years. They enjoyed the neighborhood and enjoyed spending time together until Chin-Sheng sadly passed away in 2005 at the age of 94.

Prior to his death, the couple enjoyed watching baseball and basketball and attending their grandson's sporting events. The two were enthusiastic about the Houston Astros and Rockets and enjoyed watching games together. However, since English was not their first language and they did not know the player's names, the couple came up with their own names for the players between themselves.

Ashan now enjoys keeping up with what is happening in Taiwan and Japan. The first 31 years of her life, Taiwan was ruled by Japan, therefore she can speak, read, and write Japanese.

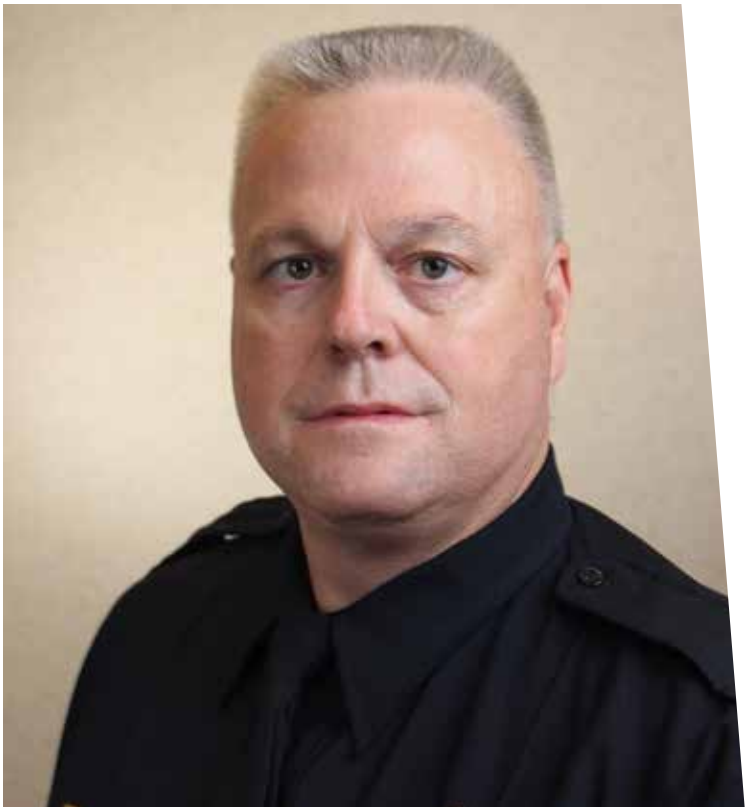
At the age of 103, Ashan's key to staying young is to live life the way you please. According to Dee, she has always eaten what she wanted, did what she wanted, and never worried about it. At 103, she has survived four major falls with little injury and according to her doctor, is still very healthy.

She has called Webster home for the past 20 years and has come to love living in America, said Dee.

She is a member of the EFC - NASA Church in Webster, and she still attends the senior events put on by the City.

Her life has taken her across the world, but we are happy she came and made her home in Webster.

Ashan will turn 104 on October 2.



Above: *Photo taken of Richard Horbach in 1992, at the start of his career in Webster.*

EMPLOYEE ***CONNECT***

RICHARD HORBACH

After 24 years of service, Richard Horbach retired from the Webster Police Department on January 9.

It all started for Sergeant Richard Horbach in 1989 when he graduated from the University of Houston Police Academy. He began his career as a Deputy Constable with Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office and remained in the position until 1992.

He accepted a position with the City of Webster, and he never looked back.

Sgt. Horbach began in April of 1992 and was promoted to Corporal in 1997. Not too long after, in 1999, he was promoted again to his position of Sergeant.

He worked in the Patrol Division for a number of years and those who worked under him have spoken of his fierce dedication and support for the men and women in blue.

He was instrumental in the startup of the Webster Police Officer's Association and was the Charter Vice President. The organization has been known to assist and support every officer that was sick or injured.

Sgt. Horbach has also used his time and experience to implement programs beneficial to the community. He was instrumental in implementing the Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) Grant program, which enforces traffic safety laws such as speeding and safety belt usage.

In October 2014, Sgt. Horbach moved from Patrol to the Office of Professional Standard. He began to manage the police department files, ensuring that the department maintained their standards in everything from training to hiring.

The sergeant received his Master Peace Officer's license in 2005, which is the highest license to receive in Texas.

He has over 3,000 hours of Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) in-service training including Hostage Negotiator, Field Training Officer, and Certified TCOLE Instructor.

"I've met a lot of great people here," Richard said. "This city in my eyes, working here, you can't beat it. I'm thankful to have been given the opportunity."

Richard looks forward to retirement and moving to La Grange and spending more time with his family.

SMARTPHONE SURVIVAL GUIDE: PREPARING FOR A STORM

During and following the wrath of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, rumors and false information made its rounds on social media. The City of Webster strives to keep residents up to date on the most accurate information, and with SwiftReach, this is possible.

Following the storm, Webster staff re-evaluated the emergency notification programs and decided to join the SwiftReach family, who has been bridging the gap between public safety and the community since 2002. When residents register and download the free mobile app, the platform will send alerts with emergency messages and provide information on how to take action.

Contact information was transferred from those who signed up for Regroup, however many residents are not in the system. Registering is simple, you can sign up by visiting cityofwebster.com, or you can get the Swift911 Public App by texting the word "Swift911" to 99538. You will receive a response with a link to get the app in the app store. The app is free and available on most smartphones.

Keep your family safe in case of another natural disaster and register for Swift911.

FEATURED ON INSTAGRAM

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POSTED: December 20, 2017
CAPTION: Former Texans Defensive Tackle and Current Sports Radio 610 Host Seth Payne delivered Firehouse Subs to the Webster Fire Department for lunch today! Thank you SportsRadio 610 for the support. #WebsterFD #WebsterTX

2019 Community Calendar SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

The City of Webster will be creating a 2019 Community Calendar and we are asking residents to begin sending their photos from around the City! We are asking the community to send in photos by August 1, 2018. Once photos have been collected, we will post the photos to social media and the community can vote on the top 12 photos to feature on the calendar.

Join in on the fun and show us how you shop, dine and play the Webster way for a chance to be featured! Send photos to kstamy@cityofwebster.com, or drop them off at Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave. We look forward to seeing your photos!

ON THE RADAR

WHAT'S COMING UP IN **MARCH** IN WEBSTER, TX

▼ EASTER EGG HUNT

Join the Webster Recreation Division for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Walnut Park!

The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, at Walnut Park, 400 N. Walnut St.

This event is free for children up to 10 years of age, as well as the senior division.

Following the hunt, Peter Cottontail will be at the park gazebo for children to visit and take photos. Call 281.316.4137 for more information.

▼ SPRING CLEANING

The City's Clean Up Week kicks off in March! The City will provide residents with FREE curbside pickup of household trash, furniture, appliances, and tree limbs for the week.

Discarded items may also be disposed of at one of the various dumpster sites throughout the City.

Clean Up Week will begin on Monday, March 19 and will end on Friday, March 23.

▼ ON THE ROAD FOR A REASON

The City of Webster is teaming up with Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families for its 8th Annual Fun Run on Saturday, March 3. The event begins at 8 a.m. and runners travel along Walnut St., Magnolia Ave., Kobayashi Rd., and the Westbound section of the NASA Bypass. For more details or to register online visit OnTheRoadForAReason.net.

▼ MEETINGS

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

▼ HEALTH FAIR

The FREE Health and Wellness Fair will be in March with several healthcare vendors in attendance. Attendees can consult with a variety of healthcare providers, participate in screenings and exams and gain awareness of new services, products, and technologies.

The annual Webster Health Fair will take place in the Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., and the date will be announced in the March Newsletter.

Webster Way MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

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February 2018

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SUPER BOWL LII 4	**Webster Tae Kwon Do** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday* 5	**City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 6	**Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m* 7	8	**Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 9	**Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.* 10
11	12	**Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.* 13	*Happy Valentine's Day* 14	15	*Last day to file an application to be placed on the general election ballot* 16	17
18	**PRESIDENTS' DAY** 19	**City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 20	21	22	**Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 23	24
25	26	27	28			

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