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From left to right, Assistant Police Chief Pete Bacon, Assistant City Manager Danny Presley, and Police Chief Bo Rogers

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# Webster Staff Promotions

***Assistant Police Chief, Assistant City Manager, Police Chief***

During the March 6 meeting, Webster City Council appointed and recognized three employees as they were promoted to new positions within the City.

Council appointed former Webster Police Chief Danny Presley to the new position of Assistant City Manager. He has acted as an Assistant City Manager in Texarkana, has obtained master's degrees in Business and Criminal Justice Leadership, he's a graduate of the Presidential Scholar Leadership Program, and has recently passed a certification test and received a Human Resources designation. He has served as Webster Police Chief since 2014, and has certifications in Public Management and Finance. Presley's requisite leadership characteristics in leading the Police Department proved that he would be a qualified Assistant City Manager that could assume the duties with little to no impact.

The appointment of Danny Presley to the Assistant City Manager role left the Police Chief position vacant. City Manager Wayne Sabo then recommended former Assistant Police Chief Bo Rogers be promoted to Police Chief. Rogers began his career in Law Enforcement 1983 and he joined the Webster Police Department in 1993. He has served in every position within the department including patrol officer, detective, narcotics detective, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and assistant police chief. Rogers' experience, education, and history with the department made him a perfect fit for the position.

Council then recognized the appointment of the new Assistant Police Chief Pete Bacon to fill that vacancy. Bacon began his law enforcement career in 1993 and eventually moved to Webster in 1999. He was named Police Department Employee of the Year in 2000, and in 2004 he was promoted to sergeant. In 2015 he moved into his position as Lieutenant, where he assumed command of the Special Operations Unit. Both Presley and Rogers recommended Bacon for the position of Assistant Police Chief, and he was sworn in at the meeting.

# Movie Night In The Park Recap

***The very first Movie Night in the Park was a success! Thanks to everyone who attended. View more photos on the Webster Facebook page.***

# Ultimate Slammin' Summer CAMP

## *Registration is Open:*

Gear up for summer and get your kids into the Ultimate Slammin' Summer Camp! During four, two-week sessions, children have the opportunity to learn and have fun all summer long.

Beginning April 1, residents can register their children, ages 6-12, for the summer camp that meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and extended hours from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Webster Recreation Center.

During each session, campers will go on one field trip, including Moody Gardens, Kemah Boardwalk, Putt-Putt Fun House, and Main Event. Other days will be filled with arts and crafts, cooking, games, educational activities, and more. Kids learn about city government and even get the opportunity to explore facilities like the Webster Police Department.

Registration per session for residents is $75 for the first child and $65 for each additional child. Go to cityofwebster.com to find the registration form, or visit the Recreation Center at 311 Pennsylvania Ave. to register.

Registration for non-residents begins May 1. Contact Recreation Manager Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137 for more information.

## *Now Hiring Counselors:*

The City of Webster's Recreation Division is accepting applications for the position of Recreation Camp Counselor. This position is responsible for the safety, supervision and well being of children in the Webster Day Camp program.

Counselors must interact with the children while helping to provide an atmosphere that fosters cooperation, growth, and self-confidence. They also will be responsible for implementing interactive game activities, sports skills development, and more.

To apply, you must be at least 16 years of age, and prior camp counselor experience is a plus. Applicants must also be able to obtain an American Red Cross First Aid/CPR certification.

Applications are located at City Hall or can be downloaded at cityofwebster.com/jobs.aspx. Contact Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137 for more information.

# Officer Of The Month

## *TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER DEBORAH COOLEY*

Congratulations to the Webster Police Department Employee of the Month, Telecommunications Officer Deborah Cooley.

TCO Cooley was chosen for the award because of her successful planning and coordination of the Webster Police Officer Association's Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, February 15th.

The telecommunications officer has been with the City of Webster for over 20 years and has a Master's Telecommunication Certification.

"The best part of our job is helping others, fighting crime, and knowing our job does make a difference daily," said Cooley.

Police Chief Bo Rogers recognized the dedicated employee in March.

# WELCOME TO ODYSSEY BUSINESS PARK

***Webster Economic Development Business Update***

As construction of the Odyssey Business Park finishes up, the new businesses are moving in and opening shop. Check out our newest Webster constituents:

***Embroidery Plus TX,*** located at 330 Genesis Blvd., constitutes a relocation and new company name for this full-service embroidery, screen printing, promotional products, and personalized gift service operation. Formerly, Debra Holzbach operated Embroidery Plus at Bayway Village II for a number of years.

***Pink Bee Studio,*** located at 330 Genesis Blvd., represents a relocation for Mary Kay director Jessica Holzbach who established this training facility for prospective and existing Mary Kay associates six years ago at Bayway Village II. Pink Bee Studio hosts special events like spa skin parties and motivational classes designed to promote the Mary Kay experience.

***Pump It Up,*** located at 310 Genesis Blvd., is a new children's entertainment venue for Webster. Franchisee Christopher Graf opened this phenomenal indoor play venue filled with giant inflatables, obstacle courses, and a variety of youth entertainment in February 2018. Pump It Up provides a safe, controlled, fun, indoor environment and specializes in birthday parties and youth programs.

***Steelworx Gym & Training Center,*** located at 310 Genesis Blvd., is a new gym that integrates world-class equipment and training for a complete workout. Owners Sam and Lindsay Cunningham designed an exceptional workout experience with gym memberships at a very reasonable monthly rate. The gym opened in January 2018, featuring top of the line strength training equipment that is strategically arranged for a comprehensive workout.

***Victory Chiropractic,*** located at 330 Genesis Blvd., is a relocation for Dr. Jeremiah Holzbach who purchased the building for his practice, along with his mother's business (Embroidery Plus TX) and his wife's business (Pink Bee Studio).

# Webster, Why?

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *Can I get a marriage license at City Hall?*

Webster City hall is not the place for marriage licenses, birth certificates or death certificates.

If you are in search of any of the above, you will be directed to the Harris County Clerk's Office.

There is a location for the Clerk's Office at 16603 Buccaneer Ln., Houston, TX 77062

### *Why is the fire truck yellow?*

It's hard to miss the Webster Fire Trucks coming down the road. The bright yellow-green hue makes it easy to see in low lighting, keeping drivers safe, as well as the Webster firefighters. Although a red truck makes the fire engine highly recognizable, the fluorescent green is an additional step made by the Webster Fire Department to keep the community safe.

***SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO KSTAMY@CITYOFWEBSTER.COM***

## AARP TAX AIDE ENDS APRIL 17

If you have not filed your taxes yet, AARP is still here to help! Representatives are offering FREE tax-aide at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., until Tuesday, April 17. NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED!

***Stop by 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.***

## National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

***APRIL 8-14, 2018***

BETWEEN THE THIN BLUE LINE AND THE
THIN RED LINE LIES THE THINNEST GOLD LINE.
THE GOLD LINE REPRESENTS
THOSE WHO ARE RARELY SEEN BUT MOSTLY HEARD.
THE CALM VOICE IN THE DARK NIGHT
DISPATCHERS
THE GOLDEN GLUE THAT HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER

# BLAST OFF TO Frenchie's!

## AN OUT OF THIS WORLD EXPERIENCE

Take a look inside Webster's very own Little Italy. ***Frank and Giuseppe Camera*** have owned Frenchie's Italian Cuisine since 1979 and have become famous in the Space City.

**Above:** *Frank Camera stands proudly in front of countless signed photos of NASA Astronauts.*

There are two things you notice upon entering Frenchie's Italian Cuisine: the walls, rife with signed photographs of astronauts, and the enticing smell of homemade bread cooking in the kitchen.

Frenchie's has become a Webster staple, and Frankie and Giuseppe Camera are the beloved brothers behind the magic.

Originally from the Island of Capri, the brothers grew up in the hotel and restaurant business. One day as Frankie was managing a hotel in the heart of Rome, he got a call from his sister who had already moved to Texas. She insisted that he come visit, and he reluctantly agreed.

His visit turned into him moving to Houston, and before he knew it he was opening Frenchie's with his brother on the corner of El Camino and NASA Parkway in Webster.

When they chose the location for Frenchie's, the surrounding area was fields upon fields filled with cows grazing in the hot sun.

The location, just down the street from Johnson Space Center, caught the attention of Astronaut Anna Fisher. She was the very first of many astronauts to become regular Frenchie's patrons.

Word soon got around about the family-run business and their authentic Italian recipes. The brothers began hanging signed autographs of the notable guests and before they knew it, there was no longer enough room to hang photos. Tom Cruise even visited, and his photo can be seen at the front of the restaurant.

Feeding and getting to know the space explorers came with several perks. Both of the brothers had a chance to visit Cocoa Beach in Florida and witness the liftoff of a space shuttle.

"I went a couple times to see the shuttle, and it was amazing," said Frank.

"Yes, it is emotional to see," Giuseppe agreed.

The restaurant continued to gain popularity throughout the years, and soon the brothers decided to open a second location on Clear Lake called Villa Capri. Although both restaurants are very similar, Villa Capri offers a broader selection of seafood options and functions as an event venue for weddings and banquets.

Although the Camera brothers claim that everything they serve is delicious, they recommend that newcomers try the gnocchi or the lamb. But according to Frankie, anything with pasta is good.

For the past 40 years, the brothers have watched their business and the City of Webster grow.

"This city is a great place to be," said Frankie. "The city works with you, everyone is nice. We are proud to be in the City of Webster."

Frenchie's Italian Cuisine is located at 1041 NASA Pkwy., and is open Monday - Sunday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

# Splash Pad Now Open

**LOCATED AT TEXAS AVENUE PARK, 17100 TEXAS AVENUE**

# REGISTER NOW!

## CIVILIAN ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING

In the event of an active shooter, it is imperative that all those involved act quickly. Until the police arrive, it is up to you to stay safe. To better equip our community with the tools needed to properly react in an emergency, the Webster Police Department will be hosting an ALICE Civilian Active Shooter Response Training on July 17 and 18.

ALICE Training Institute is the leading training solution that increases an individual's odds of surviving during a violent intruder event. ALICE empowers people to participate in their own survival using proactive response strategies.

Attendees will walk away with an ALICE Certified Instructor Certification - valid for two years. They will receive a Safe Scenario Guide, Training Presentation, Instructor Certificate, and implementation support from a dedicated ALICE representative and Client Success Team.

You can register for the course by visiting the City of Webster website and finding the event on the City Calendar. The training takes place from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 18 at the Webster Police Department, 217 Pennsylvania Ave.

The mission of ALICE is to save lives - this training program empowers individuals to make their own survival decisions in the event of an active shooter.

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# Happy Easter!

THE CITY OF WEBSTER OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29 FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER HOLIDAY.

**CITY OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 2.**

# BIKE TO WORK DAY

***Thursday, April 19***

Whether you bike to save money, or simply to enjoy the outdoors, the City of Webster challenges you to bike to work on Thursday, April 19 for Bike to Work Day.

Pump those pedals to preserve health and the environment, explore the community, and commune with nature.

# ON THE RADAR

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

## ▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on ***Tuesday, May 1 and May 15 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, May 8 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.

## ▼ ELECTION DAY CANCELED

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Wilson and Councilmember Jennifer Heidt were up for re-election in May of 2018. However, the candidates were unopposed, and during the City Council Meeting on March 6, the election was canceled.

The councilmember terms will now expire in May of 2021.

## ▼ COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Professional or not, send in your photos for the 2019 Community Calendar. You have until August 1, 2018, to submit your photos from around the City. Once photos are collected, they will be posted to the Facebook page for the community to vote on the top 12.

Send photos to kstamy@cityofwebster.com, or drop them off at Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave. We look forward to seeing your photos

## ▼ MEMORIAL DAY

Land of the free, because of the brave. The City of Webster thanks all those who have served.

Offices will be closed in recognition on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 29.

**City Hall Main Number.....281.332.1826**
*All officials and offices can be reached using the main number*

**Elected Officials**
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Position 2: Andrea Wilson .....awilson@cityofwebster.com
Position 3: Larry Tosto.....ltosto@cityofwebster.com
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Easter Sunday* 1 | 2 | **City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 3 | 4 | 5 *5:30 p.m. at Chuys* | 6 | **City Council Strategic Planning Session** *9 a.m.* 7 |
| 8 | **Webster Tae Kwon Do** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday* 9 | **Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.* 10 | **Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m* 11 | 12 | **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 13 | **Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.* 14 |
| 15 | 16 | **City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* **Tax Aide Ends** 17 | 18 | *Webster Bike to Work Day* 19 | 20 | 21 |
| *Earth Day* 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 27 | **Medication Take Back** *10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Webster Fire Dept.* 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

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