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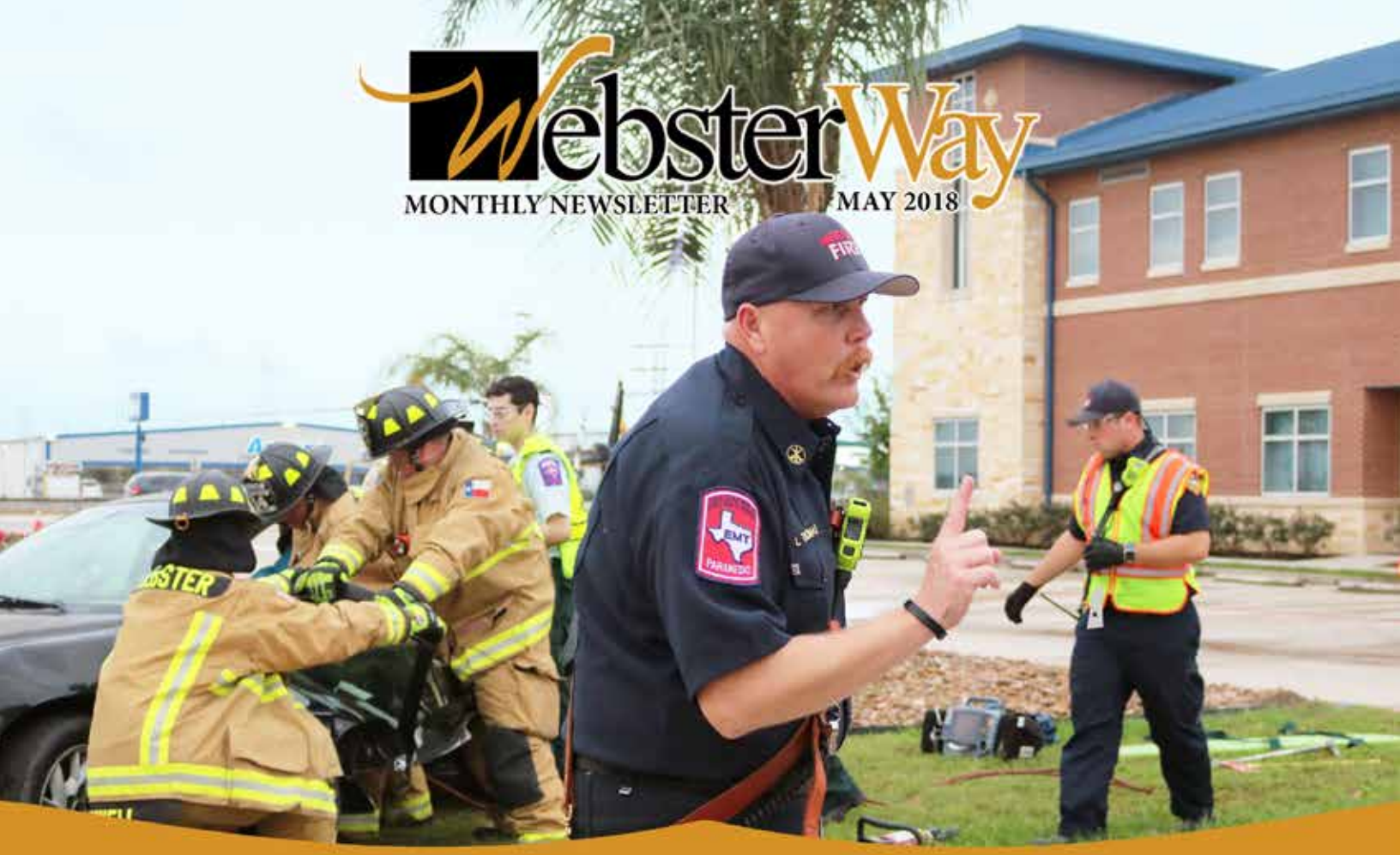

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WEBSTER CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

2018 SESSION BEGINNING MAY 29

Take a look at the world through the Webster Police Department's eyes at the 2018 Citizens Police Academy!

This year's session will begin on Tuesday, May 29, and now is your chance to register. The class covers topics ranging from the patrol division to communications division, and criminal investigations. Lessons include information on basic police equipment, defense tactics, narcotics, DWI, laws, dispatching, the K9 division, and crime scene investigation. Domestic violence, gangs, sexual assault, child abuse, and firearms training simulation are also studied.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a "ride-along" program where they can experience the town from a patrol unit. In addition to helping the citizens better understand the police department, the academy helps the police department better understand the citizens.

Webster Police personnel instruct the class, and at graduation, the students will receive a diploma. The CPA meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 10 to 12 weeks at the Webster Police Department.

There is no cost to be a student. To apply, you must live or work in Webster, be at least 21 years of age, and pass a background investigation.

An application can be obtained from the Webster Police Department or at cityofwebster.com.

CITY HALL CHIT CHAT

WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST ***KAREN COGLIANESE***

After over 10 years of service to the City of Webster, Economic Development Specialist Karen Coglianese is retiring this month. Her skills and experience have helped to make the City's commercial district what it is today. Check out her story.

How'd you end up in Webster?

K: My career path was actually in banking. I started my career at a local bank in Chicago as an Administrative Assistant and worked my way up to Vice President. The bank was very pro-education so I went to night school, and the bank paid for my schooling. Mergers and acquisitions of banks in the Chicagoland area made for an interesting time, and the local bank I worked for was acquired by a larger bank, which added a more upward opportunity for my career. After a successful career in banking in Chicago spanning 28 years, it was time to leave the cold behind and move to Texas. Webster to be exact.

How else were you involved in the community?

K: In addition to my position as Economic Development Specialist in Webster, I am also the transportation liaison for the City of Webster. As such, I got involved with the local Transportation Management Organization in the area, Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership. I became a board member, then was voted to be a member of the Executive Committee, and eventually, I was Chairman of the organization for three years.

What are you looking forward to in your retirement?

K: I have enjoyed my time working at the City of Webster in the Economic Development Department. Every day is something different and challenging. However, I am looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren. I plan to spend more time with them in Austin, helping with the new grandson that is due at the end of May.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

Thank you, Tom Wilks!

A storage facility in Webster had an unwanted visitor and Webster resident Tom Wilks came to the rescue.

Webster Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover isn't fond of snakes, so when a call came regarding a large Boa Constrictor found in Webster, she called on snake expert Tom Wilks. He quickly and safely was able to remove the snake from the unit.

CITY COUNCIL SIMPLIFIED

ITEM: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY ADDING A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED SECTION 1-15 TO ALLOW NON-PEACE OFFICER CITY EMPLOYEES TO ISSUE CITATIONS OF VIOLATION OF THE WEBSTER CODE OF ORDINANCES.

EXPLANATION: This ordinance allows designated fire department employees to issue citations pertaining to fire codes and other fire prevention provisions. It allows employees designated as environmental/code enforcement officers or inspectors to issue citations pertaining to health standards associated with food establishments, childcare facilities, and public swimming pools and spas. City animal control employees can now issue citations for animal-related code provisions, as well.

Webster Police Department advises residents to be wary of phone scams. Contact the police department before giving strangers on the phone any money or gift cards.

Officer Of The Month

OFFICER WILLIS CORBIN

Congratulations to the Webster Police Department Employee of the Month for March 2018, Officer Willis Corbin! Officer Corbin was selected by a group of his peers for his relentless pursuit and apprehension of a dangerous felony suspect. Officer Corbin's actions were above and beyond his normal duties and serve as a model for the less tenured officers in the department.

2018 HURRICANE SEASON *READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES*

Almost a year has passed since Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flood that devastated Houston and the surrounding area. Beginning June 1, Hurricane season begins again and it doesn't end until November 30. The best way to weather these storms is through preparation and close communication. National Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 6-12, 2018. Here are some tips and tricks from the National Weather Service to make sure you are prepared in the event of another natural disaster.

Determine Your Risk Know what kind of storm issues could impact the area in which you live. Is it wind damage, flooding, tornadoes?

Develop an Evacuation Plan Know beforehand which roads will be used for evacuation in your area. For Webster residents, please visit www.cityofwebster.com, click on "Services" and then "Maps". You will find your evacuation route by zip code. Or visit Webster City Hall and pick up a printed version of the map.

Assemble Your Disaster Supplies There are many comprehensive lists available for purchasing emergency supplies, and the NWS has provided a link on assembling a disaster emergency kit on their site. Some essentials are water, non-perishable foods, medicines, cell phones and chargers, flashlights, extra batteries, and supplies for your pets. Remember to keep your phones charged during Hurricane Season!

Get an Insurance Check Up Know what your policy covers and what your deductibles are. Flood insurance must be purchased separately, and requires a 30-day waiting period. Know where your insurance papers are located, and take them with you if you evacuate.

Strengthen Your Home Look for loose fence boards and any objects which might break loose and become flying objects during high winds. Have supplies ready to board windows, and know how to turn off electric and water service if evacuating.

Help Your Neighbor Don't forget those who can't help themselves. Assist with assembling supply kits and finding information on help with an evacuation.

Complete a Written Plan Sit down with your family and write out a plan. Have a designated place in your home for all family members to meet and be accounted for. Make a list of tasks each family member is responsible for.

The NWS can be found on Facebook and Twitter and more information can be found at weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness. The Texas Department of Public Safety also has information at dps.texas.gov.

Webster is certified through the National Weather Service as a "StormReady" City. The Emergency Operations Center is up to date on technology that allows for multiple means of communication before and during a storm. For notifying citizens, the Swift911 mass communication system is a proven tool for getting information out to the public swiftly and accurately.

Hurricane Tracking Guides have been ordered and should be arriving soon. Come by City Hall to pick up your free copy, while supplies last.

If you have not done so, be sure to register with Swift911 so that you will receive emergency notices from the City. To register, visit www.cityofwebster.com, or call 281-316-3712.

Preparation is of utmost importance. Be ready before a disaster happens. Stay in touch through local news, radio, social media, and phones. If ever you are experiencing a true emergency, remember to call 911.

WEBSTER, WHY? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What items can I recycle in Webster?

Republic Services offers recycling to residents upon request. Paper products such as newspapers, envelopes, junk mail, phone books, brochures, and magazines are all recyclable. Plastic water bottles, take out containers, soda bottles, and bagged film plastics can be put into the recycling bin as well as aluminum beverage cans, pots and pans, tins and utensils, and scrap metal. Glass recycling is available, but varies by location. Contact Republic Services for more information at 713.726.7300. Visit republicservices.com for a complete recycling guide.

How do I register for Life Alert?

The Webster Fire Department pays for 100 percent of the Life Alert service for anyone who requests it. Each year, more than 5,000 calls are made using Life Alert, saving a life from a potential catastrophe every ten minutes. If you are home alone and you fall and you can't get up, the Life Alert emergency pendant that you wear will get you in contact with emergency services and gives you the assistance you need.

Webster residents can visit the Webster Fire Department at 18300 Highway 3, or call 281.316.3742 to apply. After completing the application, it takes around two weeks for ADT to come to your home and set it up. You must be a Webster resident to receive this service.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO KSTAMY@CITYOFWEBSTER.COM

JOIN US FOR A
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

JIM WILLIAMS

The City of Webster will be dedicating a bench at Walnut Park in honor of Jim Williams, P.E. retired Director of Community Development

FRIDAY, MAY 25 AT 12 P.M.

AT WALNUT PARK
400 N. WALNUT ST.
WEBSTER, TX

HAPPY RETIREMENT, DEBBIE PINKSTON!

On September 15, 1980, Debbie Pinkston walked into Webster City Hall for her very first day of work as a building clerk. Thirty-seven years later, she is preparing for her very last day of work.

In May, Accounting Technician Debbie Pinkston will retire. She has been a dedicated employee, serving the Webster citizens every day. We are grateful for her service.

ED FRYDAY

Gifted musician, and valued neighbor

Above: *Ed Fryday playing the bass fiddle at the 1999 Fourth of July Celebration.*

At the age of 5, Ed Fryday was following his father's band, meeting well-known musicians and altogether enjoying the southern music scene. His father played the bass fiddle, and naturally, Ed was musically inclined, as well.

After growing up playing in rock bands, country bands, and concert bands, in 1971, Ed packed up his instruments and moved from Louisiana to Texas. Soon after, he met his wife Becky in Houston, and the two got married and moved to Webster in 1974.

Ed's parents Cecil and DeEtta eventually followed suit and moved to Webster as well. DeEtta opened an alteration shop on NASA Rd. 1 and later became part of the dry-cleaning business that Ed and his brother Jack owned. Ed's wife Becky worked in the alteration shop for a while and would go on to work for various NASA contractors.

"She was sewing for the shuttle and space station," Ed explained. "Sewing whatever they needed; tool bags, and sleeping bags. All of those things were made out of fabric."

Ed helped out with the business, but after it closed in 1992, he became an apartment locator and in 2003 a Professional Real Estate Inspector.

In 1982, their only child Amanda was born. Amanda graduated from Texas A & M Galveston and is now working with Shell Oil downtown as a demurrage analyst.

Music is still at the forefront of Ed's life. "I can't play football anymore, but I can still play music," he joked. In 1986, he co-founded the Bay Area Bluegrass Association (www.bayareabluegrass.org) and served on the board for 25 years. Now in his spare time, he plays the bass fiddle in two bands: The Bluegrass Solution and Out of the Blue.

Out of the Blue plays bluegrass, folk music, light rock, and gospel," he explained. "We play things that aren't necessarily bluegrass, but we do it on acoustic instruments. No drums and no keyboards. The Bluegrass Solution is a professional bluegrass & gospel band that has recorded 5 CD's and plays only original music written by lead singer Richard D. Henry."

Ed also enjoys taking time off to ride his Goldwing motorcycle all across the United States. He plans to travel nearly 2,000 miles to Boise, Idaho this summer, but he also enjoys less intensive bike rides around the state of Texas. His goal is to visit every county courthouse in the Lone Star State.

Ed has served on various different Webster boards and Commissions including the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Economic Development Corporation. His mother, DeEtta served on several as well.

"Some of my fondest memories in Webster were the last 15 years of my mother's life," he said. "Her birthday was on the Fourth of July and she went to the Texas Avenue Park on that day, everyone made a big deal."

"She was 96 when she passed away but she had her 96th birthday at that park and it was a lot of fun."

Many things have changed in Webster, but this City has remained a home for the Frydays.

"I've been here a long time, I've met a lot of people, and I've done a lot of things," Ed said. "It's been a great place to be."

THANK YOU POLICE OFFICERS!

National Police Week May 13-19

Police officers have a difficult, often thankless job. We appreciate the unsung heroes of our community for risking their lives daily and making the City of Webster a safe place for residents and visitors.

BRAVERY IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, BUT ACTION IN THE FACE OF FEAR.

LANE CLOSURE

A SINGLE LANE OF TRAFFIC WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, MAY 5 ON MEDICAL CENTER BLVD., TEXAS AVE., NASA PKWY., AND KOBAYASHI RD. FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 10 A.M. FOR THE COLON CANCER AWARENESS RUN. EXPECT DELAYS.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 13 - 19

The Public Works Department is the force behind the scenes. Crews work daily to make sure we have safe drinking water, safe roadways, and more. You may see a Public Works employee if you adopt a pet, or if you visit Texas Avenue Park. Whether they are sweeping the streets or maintaining the parks, Public Works crews are doing everything they can to make Webster a safe and clean environment.

ON THE RADAR

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

▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on ***Tuesday, June 5 and June 19 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, June 12 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.

▼ JULY 4 CELEBRATION

Another mesmerizing fireworks show will end a day full of entertainment and festivities at the 2018 City of Webster Fourth of July Celebration.

Check on the June newsletter for updates on this year's celebration, and to see the schedule of events.

The Fourth of July Celebration is held at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave. on July 4, beginning at 5 p.m.

▼HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season begins in June, so make sure you have a plan and a kit!

The first step is to know the steps you'll need to take in case of an emergency. The next step is to build a kit that has everything from water and food, to financial and personal information.

Find more information on Hurricane Preparedness on ReadyHoustonTX.gov and in the June edition of Webster Way!

▼ ADOPT A CAT MONTH

The best things in life are rescued, and the Webster Animal Shelter is here to prove that to you! Visit 855 Magnolia Ave., Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. to check it out for yourself. Help celebrate Adopt a Cat Month by bringing home a furry feline in June! Contact Webster Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover at 281.316.3700 for more information.

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6	**Webster Tae Kwon Do** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday* 7	**Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.* 8	**Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m* 9	10	**Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 11	**Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.* 12
Mother's Day 13	14	**City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.* 15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	**Jim Williams Memorial** **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.* 25	26
27	Memorial Day **Offices Closed** 28	29	30	31		

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