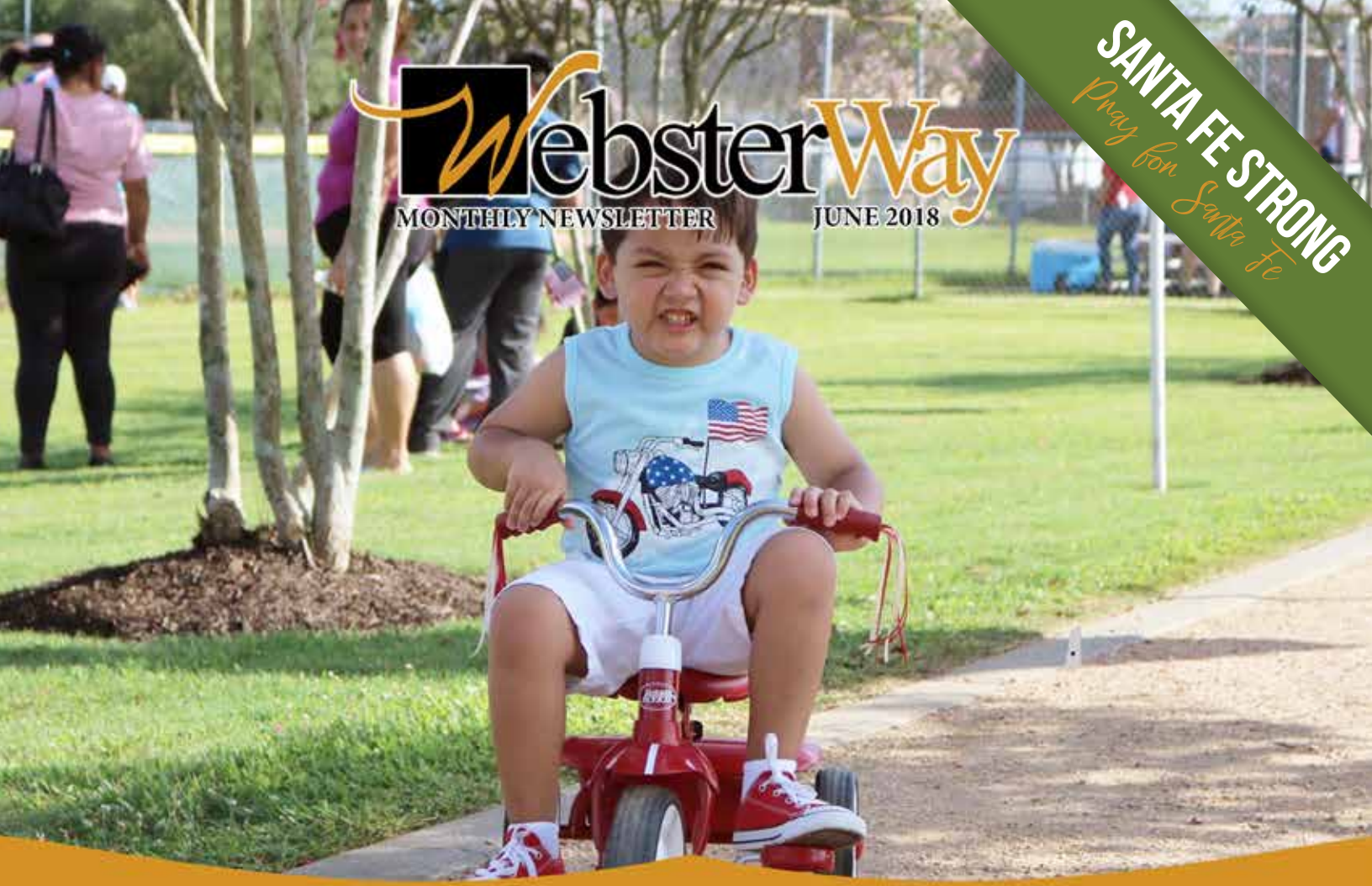

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WELCOME TO WEBSTER!

New businesses coming soon!

The Economic Development Department and Corporation have been working continuously to bring in new, exciting restaurants and retailers to the City of Webster.

At the new restaurant complex at 820 Bay Area Blvd., we welcome Snooze A.M. Eatery, Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Bellagreen, and ModPizza.

At Baybrook Gateway we are looking forward to the opening of Escalantes Tex-Mex & Tequila Restaurant.

Niche Design Market recently opened at Webster Town Center, 20911 Gulf Freeway. The Design Market sells handcrafted, artisan decor.

Scrubs and Beyond opened in Baybrook Square, at 1023 Bay Area Blvd., selling fashion-forward healthcare uniforms.

Join us in welcoming these businesses, and remember to shop, dine, and play the Webster way!

Snooze AN A.M. EATERY

hopdoddy BURGER BAR

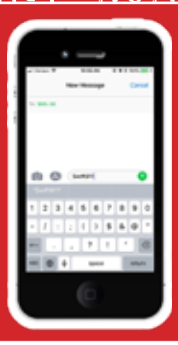
bellagreen

ESCALANTE'S FINE TEX-MEX & TEQUILA

THREE WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR SWIFT911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS:

Download the free mobile app on any smartphone app store.

Register by visiting cityofwebster.com. Click "Receive Emergency Alerts" on the right-hand menu.



Download the Swift911 App by texting "Swift911" to 995-38. You will receive a response with a link to get the app.

GOING THROUGH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS *with pets*

So, you are prepared for emergency situations in which you must shelter in place or even evacuate. You have water, non-perishable foods, first aid kits, flashlights, extra batteries, and your important documents are easily accessed. Everything is packed and stored ahead of time. You're all set. Or are you?

Do you have a pet or pets? If so, did you remember to pack for them, also? It's important to remember their needs, too, and to have supplies ready before the need arises. It's easy to think you could just grab your pet's food and bowls and go, but there's more to emergency pet care than you may have thought.

Let's go through a couple of scenarios in which emergency supplies will be needed for pets. The first is sheltering in place. This could be during a hurricane or flooding, or even a chemical spill. You and your pet(s) must stay inside for days without leaving the house. Here is a list of basic items to have on hand:

- Extra water, food, and treats for pets
- Extra litter for cats
- Extra medication for pets, if possible
  (It is recommended to have at least 3 days' supply of the above items)
- All vet records, including vaccination records, and vet's phone number
- List of local emergency vets and phone numbers
- Leash and pet carrier
- Ensure your pet is wearing a collar, with registration and rabies tags attached
- An updated photo of you with your pet

If your pet was to get out and get separated from you, having tags on collars can help expedite your reunion; however, collars can fall off. Getting your pet micro-chipped is a more permanent form of identification. Having a photo of you together with your pet can act as proof that you are the owner.

Another emergency experience you may encounter is having to evacuate with your pets. This can be a challenge. Often, pets are nervous, sensitive, even fearful, and this can make them act aggressively. Being prepared and remaining calm will make the journey a little smoother, for you and your pet. The following are things to do ahead of time so that you have peace of mind if, and when, the time comes to use them:

- Pack the items listed above in waterproof containers, store in an easily accessible place
- Locate shelters and/or hotels that will accept pets- do not assume all shelters and hotels will accept them
- If you'd rather not take your pet on the road with you, ask someone you trust in advance to be your pet sitter
- Add to above supplies food and water bowls, soft bedding, favorite toys, bags and scoopers for sanitation, and a litter box for cats

Remember, if something is unsafe for you, it's more than likely unsafe for your pets. If you must evacuate, take them with you or to a pre-planned safe place. For a list of pet-friendly hotels, visit PetFriendlyTravel.com. Once you know evacuation is advised or mandatory, you can contact your vet, local animal shelter or emergency management office, or your county emergency management office for a list of pet-friendly shelters that have opened. **For more information, visit www.ready.gov.**

WEBSTER *Revamped*

Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Harvey.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER REMODEL

During emergencies, Mayor and City Staff reside in the Police Department, utilizing the Emergency Operations Center and the department's kitchens, restrooms, and training rooms. Several of these areas are in need of renovation and expansion.

Council approved of a project with an $850,000 budget, to replace the audio/video equipment, remodel the kitchens, and convert the old EOC room.

Design draft of the new Animal Shelter.

ANIMAL SHELTER REPLACEMENT

The planning has begun for the Webster Animal Shelter to be replaced. PGAL is working the Public Works to replace the existing facility. The new shelter will have 13 indoor/outdoor kennels, two quarantine indoor/outdoor kennels, a feline room, a viewing room, and an office.

During the May 15 meeting, council approved of the project with a $910,000 budget.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH *April*

DETECTIVE ALAN BRACHER

Congratulations to Detective Alan Bracher for being chosen as the Employee of the Month for April 2018. Alan was nominated for his work in researching, drafting, and presenting to City Council, a new ordinance which specifically addressed where registered sex offenders may live in the City of Webster, and establishing safe zones for children. On May 15, Council approved an ordinance making it unlawful for certain sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of premises where children gather and making it illegal to loiter within 300 feet of the public way around a child safety zone lot.

Thank you, Detective Alan Bracher, for your diligence and hard work on this ordinance.

MEET THE WEBSTER PUBLIC WORKS INTERN (AGAIN)

MEGAN KEASTER CHOSEN FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

For the second year in a row, Clear View High School Student Megan Keaster's artwork was chosen for the Webster Public Works T-Shirt Design Contest.Webster Mayor Donna Rogers and Public Works Director Shannon Hicks chose the design, which encapsulated the theme of Power of Public Works.

Her hand-drawn design was put on T-Shirts given to all Public Works crews in honor of Public Works Week in May. She was also offered a paid summer internship with the Public Works Department for the second year in a row. Last year, Megan explored every facet of Public Works from mechanics to engineering and animal control.

This year, Director Shannon Hicks promises she will have new experiences and different opportunities to explore the Public Works Department.

Above: *Asst. Public Works Director John Warnement, Megan Keaster, Mayor Donna Rogers, and Public Works Director Shannon Hicks.*

MAYOR DONNA ROGERS *2018 Public Service Leadership Award Winner*

In May, Mayor Donna Rogers was recognized as the winner of the 2018 Public Service Leadership Award by the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

She was chosen by a Selection Committee and recognized during the awards dinner at the University of Houston.

The committee selected the winner based on how he or she has positively impacted governance through leadership from 2015 to present.

Mayor Rogers' 23-year tenure and track record affirmed her devotion to the City. She has served as Council Member and Mayor. She has led the Webster Economic Development Corporation since its inception in 1999 and created sustainable projects that have resulted in the City's economic health and vitality, along with pro-business mentality. The City of Webster is proud to have Mayor Donna Rogers leading the way, and we look forward to seeing the difference she continues to make in the future.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEVERLY GAINES *Certified Municipal Official*

Webster Council Member Beverly Gaines is a designated a Certified Municipal Official by the Texas Municipal League.

In 2017, Council Member Gaines completed over 72 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU's), with two hours of open government training. In March, she was one of 39 public officials in Texas recognized for the achievement. This is her eighth time being recognized as certified municipal official.

Gaines thanked Former Webster Mayor Floyd Myers for setting an example and pursuing the designation every year.

The City thanks Council Member Beverly Gaines for her commitment to furthering your professional development in city government.

DEAN SPENCER

Webster Firefighter since 1978

Above: *Assistant Fire Chief Dean Spencer (in white) recognized in 1999 by the South Bay Area American Red Cross for his response to a possible child drowning.*

Forty years ago, Fire Marshal Dean Spencer joined the Webster Volunteer Fire Department thinking that it would be a good opportunity to help the community and "play with some really cool toys," he said.

But now, after working for years as a firefighter, and now a Fire Marshal, he finds the joy in his job when seeing a smile on someone's face that is having one of the worst days of their life.

This year, Dean was named Fire Marshal, something that he considers to be his greatest accomplishment.

He has received countless degrees and licenses to get to this point, including Advanced Firefighter, Arson Investigator, Inspector, Officer I, II, III, and IV, Master Peace Officer, and Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator.

He has seen the fire department change from a volunteer department to a full career department, and he has high hopes for the future.

"I hope the vision and integrity of the department continue to provide exceptional service to the citizens and visitors of Webster."

Dean says that on an average day he will show up early to work, and prepare for a day where anything could happen.

A year ago, he also added the dive team to his impressive resume. He is also a member of the Greater Houston Area Fire Marshal's Council and Arson Task Force, with the goal to promote the exchange information, which will be used to improve each jurisdiction's ability to protect and serve the citizens of their communities.

When he isn't working, Dean enjoys running. Last year he successfully ran a bridge series, running over the Kemah Bridge, Galveston Causeway, and finishing with a half marathon over the Fred Hartman Bridge.

Fire Marshal Dean Spencer has been a dedicated member of the Webster Fire Department for forty years, from a volunteer department to a career. We thank him for his continued commitment to the citizens and visitors of this City.

SENIOR GAME NIGHT

On Friday evenings

Get to know your neighbors at Senior Game Night! On the second and fourth Friday of every month, from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Webster residents can enjoy a light meal and games with neighbors at the Webster Recreation Center. Play a game of 42, Pinochle, or whatever may interest you! The Webster Recreation Center is located at 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

DONATING BLOOD SAVES LIVES

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Donor Coach will be at the Webster Fire Station, 18300 Hwy. 3, on Tuesday, June 26.
From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. stop by to donate blood.
Remember to eat and drink beforehand, and bring an I.D.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2018

Beginning at **5 p.m.** at **Texas Avenue Park**, on **Wednesday, July 4** is the City of Webster Fourth of July Celebration. There will be inflatables, a petting zoo, and a splash pad for the kids. Families can enjoy vendors, a Webster Police Department K-9 demonstration, helicopter visits, and BINGO.

A Salute to Veterans program will take place around 8 p.m. when U.S. veterans and servicemen and women are invited on stage to be acknowledged and given a token of appreciation from the City.

Following the anthem are the riveting fireworks brought to you by the Webster Fire Department.

This event is going to be bigger and better than ever. Check it out at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue, and **visit the City Facebook page for an updated schedule of events as we get closer to the day.**

YARD OF THE MONTH CRITERIA

Straight from the judges mouth

"The appearance of a landscape must have a visually appealing facade. The overall criteria for judging include the use of color, texture, line and perhaps a garden art feature, if available," said a judge. "Examples of these features would be a water feature, statuary, natural container, bird feeder, etc."

"Color is important because it draws your eye to the composition. The various textures of the green foliage act as a backdrop for the color or complementary colors. Both the foliage and lawn must be neatly pruned, trimmed and shaped. Flowers should be deadheaded and flower beds should be neat.

Neatness and organization should be considered. These are a few features to include in your winning landscape!"

ON THE RADAR

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

▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on ***Tuesday, July 3 and July 17 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, July 10 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.

▼ SENIOR GAME NIGHT

The City of Webster invites seniors in the community to a night of fun and games.

In July, game nights will be held on Friday, July 13 and 27 from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Stop by and join your neighbors for a light meal and good times.

▼ ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE

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. You can register for the course by visiting the City of Webster website and finding the event on the City Calendar.

▼ FOURTH OF JULY HOURS

The City of Webster offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Offices will reopen on Thursday, July 5.

Join us for the Fourth of July Celebration at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave. beginning at 5 p.m. See you there!

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