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INTRODUCING Nextdoor

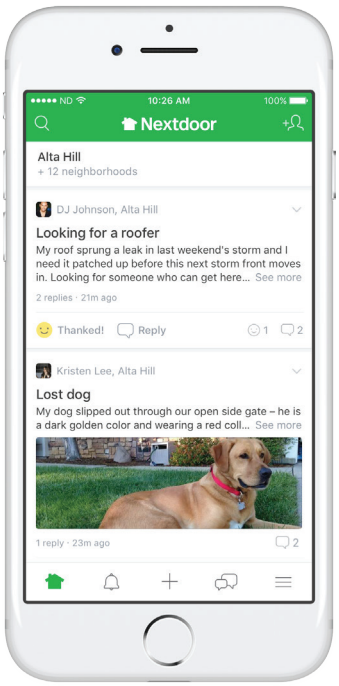
Nextdoor is the free and private social network for neighborhoods. On Nextdoor, neighbors create private websites for their neighborhoods where they can ask questions, get to know one another, and exchange local advice and recommendations.

The City of Webster is excited to now be a part of the Nextdoor community. The City will use this page to share information and updates that will have an impact on your neighborhood.

Your Nextdoor neighborhood conversations remain private to you and your neighbors; the City will only be able to see your replies to our posts, and private messages that you send to us.

If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1. We cannot ensure a timely response to Nextdoor requests.

We look forward to connecting with you on Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Webster.



TEXAS POWER SWITCH NEW PROGRAM GIVES RESIDENTS THE CHANCE TO LOWER ELECTRIC BILLS

The City of Webster is partnering with energy broker iChoosr to offer its residents the opportunity to benefit from group buying power in order to lower individual monthly electric bills. The Webster Power Switch program provides residents a way to better understand the confusing deregulated energy market, and potentially offer a way to save money. There is no cost to register and no obligation associated with the program.

The more people that register for the program, the better the opportunity for the broker to secure a low-cost energy deal. Webster is just one of a number of Texas cities, Dickinson and Farmers Branch are also participating in the program. Visit the City of Webster's website at www.cityofwebster.com to learn more and to register.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS *in Webster*

Kung Fu Tea is located at 304 Bay Area Blvd., in Webster. The new location is now open, offering guests a broad range of drinks to choose from, including Milk Tea, Punch, Slushes, and more. A popular product is the Bubble Tea, which is filled with chewy tapioca balls, or boba. The franchise has locations around the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Vietnam. Their handcrafted tea and premium ingredients have customers coming back for more.

Blue Lion Salon Studios recently opened at 1011 W. Bay Area Blvd., with over 60 salon suites available for stylists to rent. Founders and Owners Steven and Heather Suchma have 16 salons total, 15 in Texas and 1 in Colorado. Steven designs the studios and Heather decorates. Each location is unique, with a similar layout. The couple pays special attention to detail, giving customers a chic and unique experience.

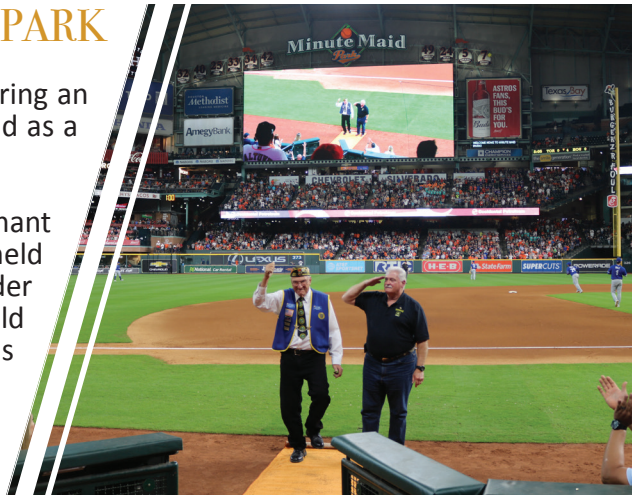
Visit these new Webster businesses this month!

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION *Schedule of Events*

Join us on Wednesday, July 4 for the celebration at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave. The schedule is subject to change. Visit the City Facebook event page for updates.

5:00 P.M. *Event Begins*
5:30 P.M. *Bingo Begins at One-Life Church*
6:00 P.M. *Police K-9 demonstration at the ball field*
6:20 P.M. *PHI helicopter lands and is open for viewing at the ball field*
6:30 P.M. *Coast guard touch and go over the back ball field*
6:45 P.M. *Houston Highlanders Pipes and Drummers perform*
7:00 P.M. *Mayor, City Council and City Manager take the stage for invocation*
7:10 P.M. *PHI Helicopter departs*
7:15 P.M. *Military Band performs on stage*
8:10 P.M. *U.S. Veterans and Servicemen and Women line up at the front. Houston Choral Showcase Performs*
8:25 P.M. *Swearing in of new recruits*
8:40 P.M. *Salute to Veterans and dedication to Troy Stewart*
9:23 P.M. *Houston Highlanders escort the Webster Honor Guard*
9:30 P.M. *Fireworks begin*
10:00 P.M. *End of park festivities.*

WAYNE SABO RECOGNIZED AT MINUTE MAID PARK



City Manager Wayne Sabo was recognized at Minute Maide Park during an Astros game on Tuesday, June 26. He was chosen to walk onto the field as a part of Operation Military Appreciation.

Wayne's military career began in December 1972 as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He traveled all over the globe during his career and has held many high-ranking positions including Lieutenant Colonel, Commander in the 3rd United States Infantry, and Escort to the President (The Old Guard) for President Reagan. He has also received numerous decorations and awards.

We thank Wayne Sabo for his years of service, and his continued leadership in Webster.

Submit photos for the COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send photos to kstamy@cityofwebster.com for the upcoming Webster Community Calendar! Submit photos by August 1. Top 12 photos will be featured in the calendar!

OFFICER OF THE MONTH *May*

Sergeant Jamie Sherrill

Congratulations to the Police Department Employee of the Month, Sergeant Jamie Sherrill!

Sgt. Sherrill was nominated for his efforts in organizing the Webster Police Department representation for the 2018 Special Olympics Torch Run. He has been a long-time supporter of the Special Olympics and is always willing to go the extra mile with the worthwhile cause.

Other officers who participated in the Torch Run include Sergeant Jeremy Edge, Officer James Latham, Officer Andrew Brooks, and Detective Alan Bracher.

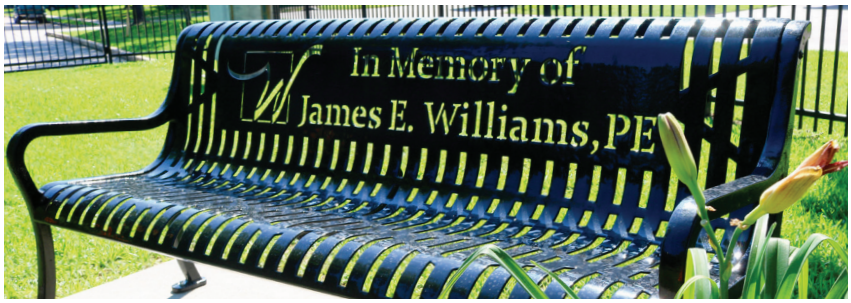
Thank you, Sergeant Jamie Sherrill for representing the Webster Police Department so well!

COMMEMORATED AT WALNUT PARK *Jim Williams, P.E.*

On Friday, May 25, family and friends of retired Community Development Director Jim Williams, P.E., gathered at Walnut Park for a bench dedication.

While Jim worked for the City, he at various points in time was the Acting City Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Community Development. After his retirement in 2008, he remained a Webster resident for many years.

Walnut Park was near and dear to Jim's heart, as he spearheaded the plans for the park. The new bench is dedicated to the hardworking employee, resident, and friend that will be so missed in Webster.



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

1. Don't Mess With Fireworks

Attend public firework displays. Leave the light show to the professionals.

2. Have Safety Zones Around Grills

Enjoy outdoor celebrations and cookouts, but remember to keep a 3-foot safe zone around grills and camp fires.

3. Keep Campfires at a Distance

Build campfires at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs, or other materials that burn.

GARY WIRT

Webster Police Officer since 1990

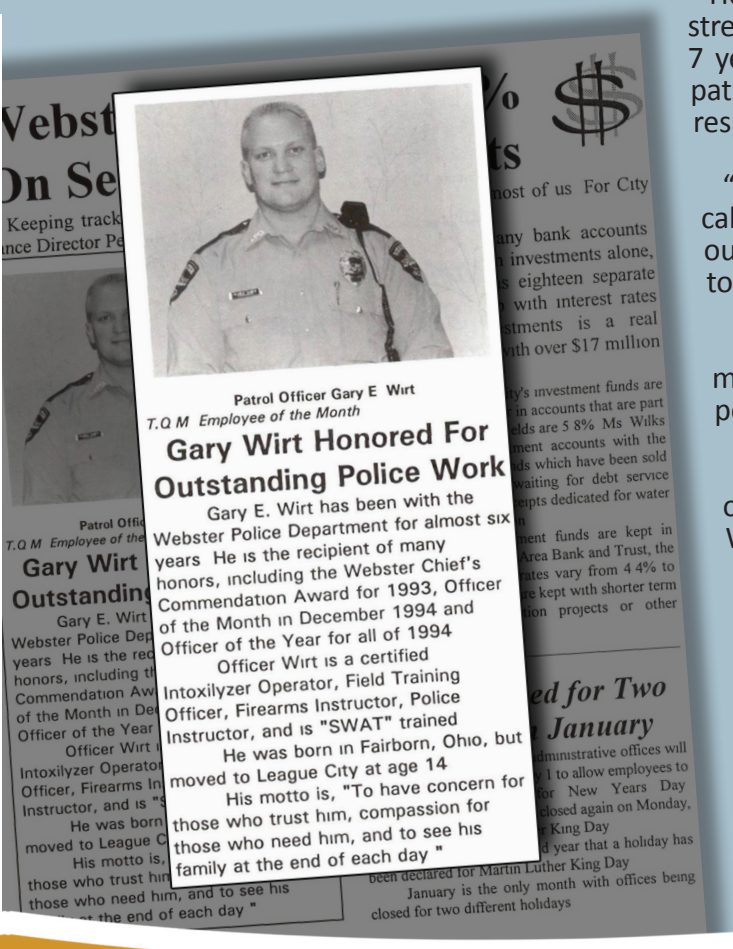
Originally from Ohio, Officer Gary Wirt moved to League City around the age of 14 with his family, after his father retired from the Air Force and began working for NASA.

Growing up, Gary looked up to an older cousin who was a Virginia State Trooper.

"He did a lot of good work in his career, and he used to talk to me about it all the time," Officer Wirt recalled. "I pretty much worshipped him. I decided then, at 15 years old, that this was what I wanted to do."

He first began working at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston as a non commissioned security guard, and was given the opportunity to attend the police academy.

In 1990, Gary was hired on at the Webster Police Department, and he has been here ever since.



Patrol Officer Gary E Wirt

T.Q.M Employee of the Month

Gary Wirt Honored For Outstanding Police Work

Gary E. Wirt has been with the Webster Police Department for almost six years He is the recipient of many honors, including the Webster Chief's Commendation Award for 1993, Officer of the Month in December 1994 and Officer of the Year for all of 1994

Officer Wirt is a certified Intoxilyzer Operator, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Police Instructor, and is "SWAT" trained

He was born in Fairborn, Ohio, but moved to League City at age 14

His motto is, "To have concern for those who trust him, compassion for those who need him, and to see his family at the end of each day "

He has patrolled the Webster streets for the majority of his tenure, but he also has served for 7 years as a Webster detective. When asked why he returned to patrol, Officer Wirt said he preferred dealing with the public and responding to calls.

"I don't think it's easy to work patrol your whole career and handle calls at the same level of professionalism without getting burned out," he noted. "But I still don't feel burned out. I still enjoy coming to work, I still like doing this job and serving the community."

"We deal with a lot of bad guys, to put it nicely, but I'd say that most of the time we deal with good people. There are a lot of good people in this world."

The officer has had several accomplishments including Officer of the Year, Officer of the Month, and was featured in the 1996 Webster Newsletter (pictured left) for his outstanding police work.

"I think one of my greatest accomplishments is my longevity," Gary said. "I'm proud of some of the arrests I have made. Some weren't recognized but I knew I did a good job, and that is good enough for me. That's why I love my job."

Left: *The January 1996 Webster Newsletter featured Officer Gary Wirt. At that time, he had been with Webster for 6 years and had already received several commendations.*

Happy Fourth OF JULY

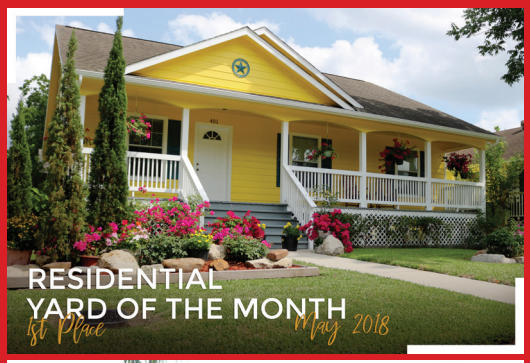
CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4. OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY, JULY 5. REGULAR RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICK-UP WILL RUN AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED.

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A HURRICANE

TIPS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

- BUY FLOOD INSURANCE. THERE IS A 30-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE NEWLY PURCHASED INSURANCE GOES INTO EFFECT.
- REINFORCE GARAGE DOORS AND TRACKS, OR REPLACE WITH A HURRICANE TESTED DOOR.
- TRIM TREES, SHRUBBERY, AND DEAD LIMBS ESPECIALLY ONES CLOSE TO YOUR HOME. USE SHREDDED BARK INSTEAD OF SMALL GRAVEL OR STONE BEDDING.
- INSPECT ROOF FOR LOOSE TILES, SHINGLES, OR DEBRIS. CONSIDER REPLACING OLD OR DAMAGED SHINGLES WITH NEW ONES RATED FOR HURRICANE FORCE WINDS.

YARD OF THE MONTH



First Place

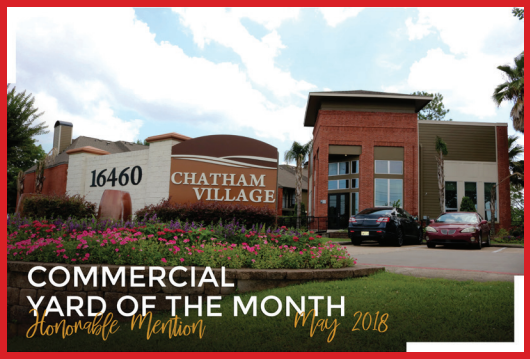
Residential:
401 Slossen

Commercial:
Delta Blues

Second Place

Residential:
400 Linda Lane

Commercial:
Avana Apartment Homes



Honorable Mention

Residential:
507 Brad Ct.

Commercial:
Chatham Village Apartments

Harvey: One Year Later
AUGUST 25, 2017

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, August 7 and August 21 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, August 14 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.

▼ WEBSTER MARTIAL ARTS

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Laura Davenport, a 5th-degree black belt, teaches Martial Arts to children and adults in the Webster Recreation Building.

Visit cityofwebster.com to learn more about how to sign up for Webster ATA Martial Arts.

▼ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

During the school year, the Webster Recreation Center runs an after-school program, giving students the opportunity to learn and engage with other students after the school day is done.

Parents can register for the FREE program on the first day of school. It is open to third, fourth, and fifth graders, and takes place Monday - Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Learn more about the City's program in the August Newsletter.

▼ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Clear Creek ISD will be back in session beginning Monday, August 20.

Summer isn't over yet, though. Visit the City of Webster entertainment venues or shopping centers to keep cool before school begins, and make summer 2018 the best yet!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 **City Council Meeting** *Canceled*	4 **FOURTH OF JULY Celebration** **BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.** *You're invited to the City of Webster Fourth of July Celebration! Bring your friends and family to Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue for food, entertainment, and fireworks.*		6	7
8	9	10 **Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.*			13 **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.*	14
15	16	17 **City Council Meeting** *6 p.m.*	18 **Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing** *6 p.m.*	19	20	21
22	23 **Webster Martial Arts** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday*	24	25 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m*	26	27 **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.*	28 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.*
29	30	31				

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