Webster Way

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You're Invited!

The City of Webster is excited to announce the addition of six FREE events in 2018 and 2019.

On **OCTOBER 31** for the **FESTIVAL OF FRIGHTS** at Texas Avenue Park. A haunted, zombie-filled hayride for older kids and adults will run until 9 p.m. Meanwhile, under the pavilion, there will be a pirate party with music, candy, and photo opportunities.

On **DECEMBER 15** join us for a holiday jubilee. There will be a concert in the park, followed by a showing of The Polar Express.

On **FEBRUARY 15** bring your sweetheart to Texas Avenue Park for the showing of A Walk to Remember. Join us again on **AUGUST 16** for another movie night.

On **MARCH 15** enjoy the last day of Spring Break, by joining us for a Spring Fling Concert. Another concert on **JUNE 7** will kickoff the Summer.

COPS ON TOP

GET A DONUT AND HELP WEBSTER POLICE
RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 7 A.M. - 11 A.M.
AT DUNKIN' DONUTS, 1525 BAY AREA BLVD., HOUSTON, TX

WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTLES CALIFORNIA FIRES

The Carr Fire in California is currently the 6th most destructive fire in the state's history. With over 218,500 acres burned, firefighters are working tirelessly around the clock to save lives and property.

The fire, which started on July 23, has quickly destroyed nearly 1,079 residences, and damaged another 190.

In August, Webster Firefighters Orlando Zepeda and Zachary Hon headed to California to relieve firefighters and help fight the blaze.

Zepeda and Hon are two of 98 Texas firefighters who were sent to California. Along with personnel, 25 Texas Interstate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) apparatuses were requested. The City of Webster TIFMAS vehicle was one of the 25 shipped to California. The Webster firefighters will be deployed for a minimum of 14 days, and will then receive assignments from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Upon their return, WFD may send more personnel.

Galveston Firefighter Bryan Lee, Webster Firefighters Orlando Zepeda and Zachary Hon prepare the Webster TIFMAS vehicle for deployment.

"Life and property is our motto, fire is fire and we are there to do our job," Zepeda told CW39. "I feel like I have a privilege to help out the residents in California. It's not every day that you get to go to California and help your brothers and sisters out there."

OFFICER OF THE MONTH
July

Congratulations to the July Officer of the Month, Officer James "Jimmy" Latham!

Officer Latham was nominated for his handling of a credit card fraud case involving Romanian foreign nationals. They were apprehended at a local bank in possession of fraudulent ATM cards, PIN numbers, and cash.

During this complex investigation, Officer Latham relied on his extensive investigative experience and his working relationships with numerous criminal investigators throughout the region. Officer Latham worked with Federal Immigration authorities to ensure that the proper detention paperwork was filed on two adult suspects. He also worked with Harris County Juvenile Probation authorities to file paperwork pertaining to a 13-year old juvenile who was being used as a proxy in the financial scheme.

This investigation took many days of piecing together information related to potential victims, and identifying specific elements of the offense, before the Harris County District Attorney's Office would finally accept charges; some of this work was done on Officer Latham's days off.

Thanks to Officer Latham's experience, tenacity, and dedication to duty, the appropriate charges were filed, and additional financial losses were prevented.

VOTING FAQS

November 6 Election

On November 6, 2018, the registered voters in the City of Webster will have the opportunity to vote on five propositions.

We encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote. Contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826 or visit the City's website at cityofwebster.com for more information.

HOW TO REGISTER

The last day to register to vote in the election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

To register for the November 6 election, visit hctax.net and request an application online.

OR

Visit a Harris County Clerk's Office branch to receive a voter registration card. Send completed applications to P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251.

VOTE BY MAIL

The deadline for submitting an application for a ballot to be voted by mail is October 26, 2018.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting By Personal Appearance will be conducted each weekday, in Harris County, at the precinct locations, from Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2. For information, visit harrisvotes.com.

ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, Saturday, November 6, 2018, voting will be conducted at Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

A voting device to assist voters with a disability will be available during Early Voting and on Election Day.

A voter must present a photo identification to qualify to vote.

PROPOSITIONS

A Shall Article III, Section 3.01, "Number, Selection and Term," Subsection "C" be amended to read that the mayor and each respective councilmember shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors shall be elected and qualified? This shall be effective beginning with the General Municipal Election in 2019 for councilmembers in positions 3, 4, and 5, in 2020 for mayor and council member in position 6; in 2021 for council members in positions 1 and 2."

B Shall Article V, Section 5.03, "Municipal Court," Subsection "A" be amended to read that there shall be established and maintained a court, designated as "The Municipal Court of Record in the City of Webster" for the trial of misdemeanor offenses, with all such powers and duties as are now, or may hereafter be prescribed by laws of the state of Texas relative to municipal courts?"

C Shall Article V, Section 5.03, "Municipal Court," Subsection "B" be amended to read that the presiding judge and any associate judges of said court shall be appointed by city council to serve at the discretion of the council? Any such judge shall be an attorney licensed and practicing in the State of Texas for two or more years and shall be a resident of the State of Texas and shall receive such salary as may be fixed by council."

D Shall Article V, Section 5.03, "Municipal Court," Subsection "C" be amended to read that there shall be a municipal clerk of said court appointed by the city manager and named by Ordinance by the City Council?

E "Shall Article IV, Section 4.04, "Powers and Duties," Subsection "A" be amended to read that the manager may remove, suspend or discharge any assistant city manager(s) and any and all department heads? Any assistant manager(s) or department heads so disciplined may, if the employee elects, appeal the manager's decision to city council.

THE PROPOSITIONS HAVE NO EXPECTED BUDGET IMPACT.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FILES

DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

Project Name: Costco
Location: Off of Rogers Dr.
Details: Along a new roadway network on the west side of I-H 45, Costo is scheduled to open on October 25, 2018. The new 150,000 square foot facility will have groceries, major appliances, electronics, hardware, and more. There will also be a gas station on the property.

Project Name: Exclusive Furniture
Location: 21000 Gulf Fwy.
Details: Exclusive Furniture is expected to open in October 2018. The new 50,000 square foot facility will offer the area a wide selection of quality furniture and accessories and affordable pricing. The location also will have two restaurant pad sites that will give the development room to grow.

Project Name: American Furniture Warehouse
Location: 21501 Gulf Fwy.
Details: The new building is south of the TopGolf facility. It will have a 100,000 square foot showroom attached to a 200,000 square foot warehouse. There will also be a cafe and/or gift shop attached to the showroom. The store is set to open in May 2019.

Introducing Lieutenant Edge

Police Department Promotion

On August 18, an assessment center to select a new Lieutenant was held. Five candidates were tested by assessors from outside agencies with role play scenarios, written tests, PowerPoint presentations and leaderless group exercies. Jeremy Edge finished with the top score and will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant effective August 25. He will be assigned the command of the Patrol Division.

Lt. Edge is stepping in after four years as a sergeant, and nine years total at the Webster Police Department.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of the new position and am excited to learn the administrative side of police work. Oh, and not wearing a full uniform every day will be a nice benefit, too," he joked.

Join us in congratulating Lt. Edge. All five candidates did an excellent job and great effort was shown during the process.

Project Name: Snooze/Hopdoddy/Bellagreen/MOD Pizza
Location: 820 Bay Area Blvd.
Details: Construction is finishing up at the new restaurant complex on Bay Area Blvd. The restaurants are anticipated to open by the end of 2018. We are looking forward to the additions of Snooze Eatery, Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Bellagreen, and MOD Pizza.

Project Name: Tru by Hilton Hotel
Location: 901 Rogers Ct.
Details: Construction is wrapping up at the new hotel, which is the 19th in Webster. It is aimed at attracting young professionals. There is a command center where guests check in, soundproof booths where guests can talk privately on mobile devices, game zones where guests can congregate and compete – all in an eco-friendly hotel.

Project Name: Mariposa Apartment Homes
Location: 1427 F.M. 528
Details: Behind Emmons Autoplex, Mariposa Apartment Homes are nearing completion. The complex will have 180 units restricted to residents 55 years of age and older. Residents will be able to enjoy a swimming pool, theatre, library, beauty and barber salon, community garden, and more.

Little Free Library

Take a book and share a book for National Read a Book Day

In the front yard of 894 Kingsgate Ln. stands a brightly colored Little Free Library. In the back of Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 NASA Rd. 1 stands a pristine, white Little Free Library. These are two of 70,000 in the world.

The libraries are available for anyone in the area to take a book and share a book, with no return due date. The concept encourages the joy of reading and literacy in the community by allowing people to share their favorite books.

Although children's books are shared most frequently, adult books line the shelves of the libraries as well.

Celebrate National Read a Book Day, September 6, by sharing your favorite book with the community, and see what book awaits you.

Visit www.littlefreelibarary.org for more information, and share your Little Free Library photos with us (#WebsterTX).

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day Holiday. Trash Routes will run as normally scheduled.

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

PATRIOT DAY

The City of Webster remembers those lost 17 years ago on September 11, 2001. Thank you to our fallen heroes. We will never forget.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

YARD OF THE MONTH

First Place

Residential:
326 Cole

Commercial:
Pappasito's Cantina

Second Place

Residential:
506 Brad Ct.

Commercial:
Pappas Seafood House

Honorable Mention

Residential:
214 Linda Ln.

Commercial:
Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

WEBSTER WATCH

OCTOBER

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on ***Tuesday, October 2 and October 16 at 6 p.m.*** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on ***Tuesday, October 9 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.

CLEAN UP WEEK

From Monday, October 15 until Friday, October 19, the City will provide FREE curbside pickup of household trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc. for residents.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT DAY

While state and federal offices, post offices, and banks will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 8, the City of Webster will take the day to manage departmental records. City employees will report to work as usual, but City offices will be closed to the public to take advantage of an uninterupted day.

For more information, contact Records Manager Rose Hamidian at 281.316.4136.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Residents are encouraged to participate in our Citywide Garage Sale following Clean Up Week on Saturday, October 20 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

City Hall Main Number 281.332.1826

All officials and offices can be reached using the main number

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Brush and Tree Limb Hauling.....281.316.3700
Civic Center Rental.....281.316.4108
Police (Non-emergency).....281.332.2426
Republic Services (Residential).....281.446.2030
Tickets-To Pay By Credit Card.....281.338.6702
Utility Billing.....281.316.4120
Water/Sewer Line Breaks.....281.316.3700

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 **Webster Martial Arts** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday*	4 **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	5 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m*	6	7 **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.*	8 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.*
9	10	11 **Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	19	20	21 **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.*	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29