Webster Way

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2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Webster City Council Adopts Annual Budget and Sets Tax Rate

After months of preparation, workshops, and public hearings, City Council has adopted the FY 2018-19 Annual Budget and property tax rate for its fiscal year that began on October 1, 2018.

As the sales tax revenue reaches an all-time high, the FY 2018-19 Annual Budget contains total resources of $45,696,470. The strong economic growth in the Webster area can be seen everywhere! In January, the Webster Economic Development Corporation approved an Economic Development Agreement with Costco Wholesale Corporation. The City executed a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with American Furniture Warehouse for the construction of a 150,000 square foot furniture showroom and its 250,000 square foot warehouse. Exclusive Furniture will also open its new 50,000 square foot store in 2019. All of this contributes to the whopping twelve percent surge in sales tax revenue that is expected for FY 2018-19.

Webster still has one of the lowest property tax rates in the area.

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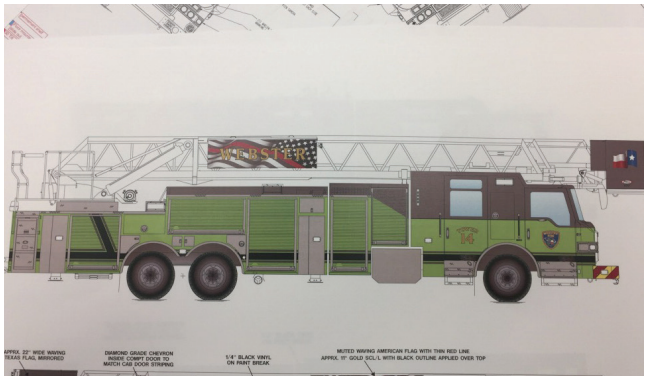
Property Taxes Pay for Capital Investments

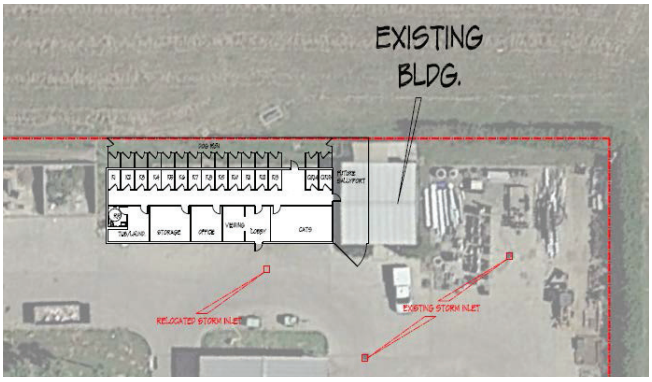
The replacement of two fire engines and the construction of a new animal shelter are among many other exciting projects that led to a property tax rate increase of three cents. The property tax rate increased from 31.725 to 34.794 cents per $100 of taxable value. The amount of taxes imposed on the average value of a single-family residence rose by $70.08 to $452.65, which will fund the much-needed addition of services in Webster.



Rendering of one of the new fire engines.

Community Services are Enhanced

Two Telecommunications Operator positions and a second ambulance will be added to provide adequate coverage during peak times. Public Works projects include overlaying the pavement at Professional Park, constructing sidewalks along Bay Area Boulevard, and replacing the lighting at Green Acres Park. Exciting new community events, such as concerts and movies in the park, which will occur throughout the year, were also added to the budget.



Rendering of the remodeled animal shelter.

The General Fund and the Utility Fund have healthy reserves. Major economic development solidifies the sales tax base. Property tax rates will remain lower than most cities.

The FY 2018-19 budget and the City's investment in community services shows promise for the upcoming year. For more information on the budget, log onto the City's website at cityofwebster.com.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

This month, the Webster Fire Department will begin providing Advanced Life Support to citizens.

Previously, the department provided Basic Life Support, but Fire Chief Patrick Shipp realized the need for enhanced emergency services and was supported by the City Manager, Mayor, and Council to help the firefighters in becoming certified paramedics.

The typical paramedic program consists of 40 weeks of long, intensive training in the classroom and in the field. The Webster Firefighters attended school while working full-time.

The process took about two years, but the department has now purchased all the equipment necessary and they are finishing the required training needed to implement Advanced Life Support. By the end of November, the transition should be made.

The Webster Fire Department will continue to enhance the services to citizens by providing advanced life savings skills whether there is an ambulance there or on the way.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to the Webster Police Department Officer of the Month for September 2018 – Sergeant Jason Tovar!

Sgt. Tovar was nominated for his outstanding work in handling two different incidents on two consecutive nights. The first incident was on September 5, when he and Officer Eric D 'Agostino rescued a suicidal female who was threatening to jump from the NASA Bypass flyover.

The second incident was on September 6. While on routine patrol, Sgt. Tovar located a stolen vehicle and attempted to pull it over. The vehicle fled and during the pursuit, the two occupants were seen tossing items (perhaps narcotics or stolen property) out of the vehicle. After a 15-minute pursuit, they finally yielded and the two occupants were arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses.

This is a great illustration of leadership by example! Congratulations Lead Telecommunications Operator Tiffany Swanson for also being nominated.

Photo taken by David Barnett and featured on the Webster Texas Eagle Watchers Facebook Group Page.

THE WEBSTER EAGLES RETURN

Nesting season is around the corner, and the members of the Webster Texas Eagle Watchers Facebook group are celebrating. The famous Webster Eagles have already returned to their nest in Webster.

Residents Paul and Elsie White spotted the beautiful birds returning to their nest in October.

Paul has a surveillance camera installed above the bird's nest, and throughout the nesting season, he will post up-close images of the eagles and their eaglets.

The community is invited to join in and follow the birds on the Webster Texas Eagle Watchers Facebook group. Updates are posted daily.

The City of Webster will share highlights from the page on the City of Webster Facebook page.

Don't Be a Victim

LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEYS, REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES

The Webster Police Department would like to remind residents to be cautious when shopping this holiday season.

It only takes a few seconds for a person to break into your car, open your door, and grab your valuables. Hiding your items under your seat or in your center console is not going to keep them safe, thieves know all your hiding places.

According to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, in the state of Texas, almost 200,000 cars and trucks are burglarized each year.

We encourage shoppers to take purchases home before going to the next store or restaurant, and ALWAYS take your keys and lock your doors. Shoppers should park in a well-lit area, and never leave their car running unattended.

Car burglaries are far too common and on the rise. Don't be a victim, and if you see suspicious behavior while you are out shopping, call the Webster Police Department at 281.332.2426.

GROUP BUYING PROGRAM GIVES RESIDENTS THE CHANCE TO LOWER THEIR ELECTRIC BILLS

The City of Webster has partnered with energy broker iChoosr to offer its residents the opportunity to benefit from group

CHILD BOOSTER SEAT PROGRAM

It is unlawful to transport any child younger than 8 years of age who is not secured in a child passenger seat system. Unfortunately, there are many families in Webster, who may not have the financial means necessary to acquire such a system. That's why on October 16, City Council approved a resolution establishing the Child Booster Seat Program in the City of Webster.

The new program will provide booster seats to families in need with children ages four to eight. The seats will be purchased using child safety funds that are collected through the municipal court.

Municipal court staff will partner with the Communities in Schools representative at McWhirter Elementary School to identify families who would be eligible to receive booster seats for their children.

The health and safety of children in Webster are important to the city council and city employees. The budget allocated to the program should provide sufficient funds to acquire approximately 120 child booster seats during the year.

Police Department Promotions

The Webster Police Department recently celebrated the promotion of four officers.

In September, Jeremy Edge was promoted from Sergeant and sworn in as Lieutenant.

In October, Leroy Romero then was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant and as were the two new corporals, Selwyn Thomas and Nathan Varner.

LT. JEREMY EDGE

SGT. LEROY ROMERO

CPL. SELWYN THOMAS

CPL. NATHAN VARNER

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 offers 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, including Dickinson and Farmers Branch, participating in the program. Visit the City of Webster's website at cityofwebster.com to learn more.

Economic Development Update

Coming Soon

The list of new businesses opening in Webster is impressive.

To start off, ***BB's Cafe*** will be opening in Webster in March 2019.

The restaurant known for its crawfish will be located at the southeast corner of Bay Area Blvd. and I-45 at the former Macaroni Grill location - 1001 W. Bay Area Blvd. This is the restaurant's tenth location.

Bowlero (who owns AMF Alpha Lanes) will be rebranding the Webster bowling alley located at 318 Bay Area Blvd.

Bowlero locations feature authentic league bowling, upscale bowling, hi-definition video walls, black light bowling lanes, arcade rooms, billiards, party rooms, and an impressive menu of unique food and beverages.

Hyde Park Wood Fire Kitchen

Nobi Public House Owners Charles and Kyler Nguyen will be opening a new restaurant next door to their current restaurant location.

Hyde Park Wood Fire Kitchen will open in the next few months, offering the community a wide array of food and cocktails to choose from.

The restaurants are located at 241 E. NASA Pkwy.

Inside the Lines Sports recently announced that it will be opening at Odyssey Park in March 2019.

The baseball/softball training facility provides baseball instruction with proven results to the area youth.

You can find the new location at 1425 Atlantis in Odyssey Business Park.

Okii Poke and Posh Salon

Okii Poke is also scheduled to open in November 2018 in Odyssey Business Park, 1416 F.M. 528. The restaurant will offer sushi-based cuisine.

Next to Okii Poke, ***Viva La Posh Salon*** will also open before the end of 2018.

Urban Air Adventure Park will be opening in March 2019 at the former Home Depot, 20251 Gulf Fwy.

Urban Air is the premier family-friendly indoor trampoline and entertainment center.

The company is known for endless hours of trampolining, rock-climbing, dodge-balling, and more.

Now Open

The City is excited to announce new businesses that have already opened.

Breathing Center of Houston opened in September at Odyssey Business Park, 1416 F.M. 528.

The new business provides Pulmonary Therapy and Rehab services in the state.

Over the past 10 years, they have worked directly with pulmonologists in the Houston area to help treat cases of Chronic Lung Disease.

Costco Wholesale

Costco Wholesale officially opened to the public on Friday, October 19. The opening of the store had been long awaited, and crowds of people took advantage of the deals immediately.

Residents can become a member by visiting the store located at 1310 Jasmine Ave.

Wander Market

In October, the owners of Nobi Public House opened their boutique store, ***Wander Market***.

The store is located in between Nobi Public House and the future Hyde Park Wood Fire Kitchen, at 243 E. NASA Pkwy.

The lifestyle market sells curated and artisan goods, such as timeless apparel and unique treasures.

Splash Pad Closed for the Season

The Splash pad closed for the season on Thursday, November 1. It will reopen Spring 2019.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP WHEN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 2 A.M. DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS.

Veteran's Day

The City of Webster thanks all the veterans who bravely fought for our country.
Veterans Day is on Sunday, November 11. City offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 for the holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 13.

Happy Thanksgiving!

City offices will close at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 for Thanksgiving and offices will remain closed until Monday, November 26.

RESIDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE TRASH PICK-UP ON THANKSGIVING DAY. REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL RESUME TRASH PICK-UP ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Yard of the Month

FIRST PLACE

Residential:
608 Travis St.

Commercial:
The Center at Baybrook

SECOND PLACE

Residential:
428 Hubert St.

Commercial:
Saltgrass Steakhouse

THIRD PLACE

Residential:
405 Slossen St.

Commercial:
El Tiempo Cantina

CHRISTMAS DAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

WEBSTER WATCH

DECEMBER

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4 and December 18 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on Tuesday, December 11 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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, and again on Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas Day. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, December 26.

Offices will be closed again on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

Trash services will be impacted and customers will receive services on the following day.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

On December 15, join us for a holiday celebration. There will be a concert followed by a showing of The Polar Express at Texas Avenue Park. The City will also celebrate the senior citizens at the annual Senior Holiday Luncheon at the Recreation Center. Check out the December Newsletter for more information.

HOLIDAY YARD JUDGING

Judging for Christmas decorations (residential only) is coming up in December! A 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention will be chosen for both the east and west side of Highway 3. Check out the December newsletter for information on the date and time of judging.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 **Early Voting** *Splash pad closed for the season*	**2** **Early Voting**	**3**
4 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**	**5** **Webster Martial Arts** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday*	**6** **Election Day** **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	**7** **Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m*	**8**	**9** **Senior Game Night** *6-9:30 p.m.*	**10** **Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.*
11 **Happy Veterans Day**	**12** **Offices Closed for Veterans Day**	**13** **Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
18	**19**	**20** **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	**21** **City Offices Close at 1:30 p.m.**	**22** **Thanksgiving Day** *Offices Closed*	**23** **Offices Closed**	**24**
25	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	