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National Love You Pet Day is Wednesday, February 20. This photo is from Pet Health Safety Day 2018

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Movie Under The Stars

Bring your sweetheart to Texas Avenue Park for a showing of A Walk to Remember on Friday, February 15.

Bring blankets and chairs and come to Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave. for Valentine's Day Date Night.

A Walk to Remember is a romantic drama based on the book by Nicholas Sparks.

The movie will start around 7 p.m. Tasty Treats and Eats Food Truck will be selling hot-dogs, chili fries, funnel cakes and more!

2019 ELECTION INFO

SATURDAY, MAY 4

The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on **May 4, 2019.**

The filing period to apply for a place on the ballot is **January 16 through February 15, 2019**. Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 will be on the May ballot.

Incumbents respectively are Larry Tosto, Beverly Gaines, and Edward Lapeyre. Election packets for interested candidates are available on the City website at cityofwebster.com.

REGISTER TO VOTE

APRIL 4, 2019

Voter registration cards are available at the Harris County Clerk's Office. Don't forget to bring your picture ID to vote.

VOTING BY MAIL DEADLINE

APRIL 19, 2019

Submit an application for a single election starting the first day of the calendar year (January 1).

EARLY VOTING

BEGINNING APRIL 22, 2019
ENDING APRIL 30, 2019

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave. from April 22 - April 30. ***Voters can stop by from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7: 30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Friday. On April 29 - 30 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.***

ELECTION DAY

MAY 4, 2019

Voting will be conducted at Webster City Hall from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

A voting device to assist voters with disability will be available during Early Voting and on Election Day. For more information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826.

FILE TO RUN FOR OFFICE

The filing period to apply for a place on the ballot is January 16 through February 15, 2019. Election packets for interested candidates are available online at cityofwebster.com.

DRAWING FOR ORDER OF NAMES ON BALLOT

The drawing for order of names on the ballot is February 21, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the City Secretary's Office located at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING IN PERSON

Voters must present a photo identification to qualify to vote in all elections held in Texas.

As Chief Elections Officer of the City of Webster, I strongly encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote. If you are not registered, get registered. It is a painless process and allows your voice to be heard. Contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826 or visit the City's website at cityofwebster.com

Crystal Roan, City Secretary

Public Works at Work

MULTI-DISC SCREW PRESS SLUDGE DEWATERING SYSTEM

What is it? In December, Webster Public Works installed a Multi-Disc Screw Press Sludge Dewatering System from Ekoton Industrial Group. This system comes from Poland and is the first of its kind in the United States.

What is the purpose? The dewatering system reduces the weight and volume of sewage sludge from the wastewater plant so that disposal costs are kept to a minimum. Sludge is sent from the wastewater treatment plant and is compressed and dehydrated using the dewatering system. It then is put into a roll-off container and sent to a landfill. The drier the sludge is, the more that can fit into the container.

What does it mean for residents? Compared to the system that the Public Works Department used before, the Multi-Disc Screw Press Sludge Dewatering System creates drier sludge using less energy in a shorter amount of time. It is saving the employees time and the residents money.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER

Congratulations to the December Officer of the Month – Officer Shaina Berry!

Officer Berry was chosen for using excellent crisis communications skills while dealing with a suicidal subject who had a known history of violence toward the police. In this instance, the subject was found sitting along the IH-45 freeway at night, stating that he wanted to run into traffic and get hit by a vehicle in order to make the voices in his head go away.

Officer Berry established a rapport with the subject and allowed him to vent his frustrations while she maintained control of the scene.

This type of interaction requires a strong blend of tactical proficiency, clear communication, and a non-threatening demeanor, in order to put the subject at ease.

After building a relationship with the subject, Officer Berry was able to defuse the situation by convincing the male to be treated by medics and eventually be transported to a hospital for follow up care. Thanks to her great work, Officer Berry was able to prevent injury to the subject, any police officers, or any members of the general public. These types of interactions are becoming more frequent for the police, and this is an example of why so much training is devoted to dealing with people in crisis.

WHAT'S THE WORD?

The Poké Phenomenon

Poké (pronounced POH-kay) is the latest restaurant trend to hit Webster. The Poké Phenomenon has led to three new restaurants bringing the Hawaiian cuisine to the City.

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Poké is a Hawaiian salad made typically from cubed pieces of raw seafood.

The restaurants are set up similarly to Chipotle. Customers choose between a sushi burrito, rice bowl, and a salad bowl. They can then choose their rice, greens, and proteins for a custom meal. Proteins include raw Tuna, Crab, or Salmon, and most restaurants also offer chicken as an option.

Okii Poké was the first poké restaurant to come to Webster. Located at 1416 NASA Pkwy., Okii Poké's menu includes a list of signature works, but also offers customers the option to customize their orders.

Pokéworks is located at 1041 Bay Area Blvd., next to James Avery. The Co-founder Peter Yang was on Forbe's 30 under 30 list, and there are nearly 40 locations in the United States.

Photo from the Okii Poke Facebook page.

Lastly, Hula Poké will be opening at the old Salad Express location, 595 Bay Area Blvd. The restaurant has three locations in the San Antonio area and one location in New York City. Along with Poké, the restaurant offers customers a variety of bubble teas to choose from.

The Poké Phenomenon has already taken over the City of Webster. Will you give it a try?

Keeping up with the Webster Eagles

In January, the eagle watchers followed on Facebook as Webster Eaglet, Ranger, emerged from his egg. Ranger is already loved by the eagle watching community. But as time went on, it became apparent that the Webster Eagle's second egg was not going to hatch.

Ma and Pa Webster still manage to keep busy by spending their days managing the nest and bringing food to Ranger. Eaglets typically will stay in the nest until they are 10 to 12 weeks old.

This is the fifth nesting cycle that Resident Paul White has monitored from his Webster home.

Residents can follow the birds on the Webster Texas Eagle Watchers Facebook group. Highlights are also posted on the Webster Facebook page.

WE ARE WEBSTER

FORMER MAYOR DENNIS WAGGETT

He has lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and even in the ocean on a submarine, but Former Mayor Dennis Waggett has chosen the City of Webster as his home.

He was born in Library, PA, where he lived until he was 7 years old. His father was a minister and his family frequently moved around. When he was 18, he followed his family to Houston, TX.

Dennis and his wife, Carol met at a church in Houston, and the two were married in 1962. After only a month of wedded bliss, Dennis was drafted into the service. He chose to join the NAVY and spent a majority of his time in a submarine.

"We would go out for 30 to 60 days," Waggett explained. "I happened to be there during the Cuban crisis and took photos of the missiles underwater. We almost killed ourselves a couple of times."

Following his NAVY career, the Waggetts moved to Webster with their two sons, Michael and David.

Dennis worked as a radiation health physicist and radiation safety officer with Kelsey-Seybold, providing medical health care maintenance for NASA. Kelsey Seybold has been supporting NASA since 1964. Dennis worked there from 1966 until 2017-- a total of 51 years.

Dennis became involved in City government in 1972. He first joined the Parks and Recreation Committee, and then the Zoning Board of Adjustments. At the time, the City politics were complicated.

"I attended a city council meeting and I stood up and said 'this is not how I want my City run'," he explained.

So, Dennis ran for council and was elected in 1978. His efforts then led him to become Mayor from1982 to 1994.

According to Dennis, during his time as Mayor, he saw the annual budget grow from $600,000 to $17 million. He oversaw the widening of Medical Center Blvd., the development of Kobayashi Rd and the the NASA Bypass.

Former Mayor Dennis Waggett's leadership has helped to lead the City of Webster to the place that it is today.

"From day one, I put my knees to the floor praying for God to guide me in everything that I do for the City," he explained. "I couldn't do anything without His help."

AARP TAX AIDE

FEBRUARY 2, 2019 - APRIL 15, 2019

Hours of Operation:
Mondays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Webster Recreation Center
311 Pennsylvania Ave.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

FIREFIGHTER JASON CROCKOM

Jason Crockom started as a Firefighter at the Webster Fire Department in July 2018.

Although he is new to Webster, he is not new to firefighting. He was a firefighter in 2001 but decided to go back to school.

Once he graduated from college, he decided that firefighting was his passion and he got back into it.

"My favorite part of the job is serving the citizens," Jason said. "We have the skills to help and people need us there.

"My experience in Webster has been great, everyone here welcomed me with open arms.

"I can't wait to see what the future holds."

FIRST DAY OF SPRING
MARCH 20

WEBSTER WATCH

MARCH

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on March 5 and March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on Tuesday, March 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.

SPRING CLEANING

The City's Clean Up Week kicks off on March 18. The City will provide residents with FREE curbside pickup of household trash, furniture, appliances, and tree limbs for the week.

Discarded items may also be disposed of at one of the various dumpster sites throughout the City.

Clean Up Week will begin on Monday, March 18 and will end on Friday, March 22.

Find more information in the March Newsletter.

HEALTH FAIR

The FREE Health and Wellness Fair will take place in the Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. in March. The date and more information will be in the March Newsletter

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Enjoy the last day of Spring Break, by joining us for a Spring Fling Concert on March 15. The Top 40 Cover Band, Sol Flare, will be performing. Look out for more information on the Webster Facebook page.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 **AARP Tax Aide begins in Webster Civic Center until April 15** *Hours on pg. 2*
3	4 **Webster Martial Arts** *Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday*	5 **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	6 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m*	7	8 **Senior Game Night**	9 **Webster Aerobics** *Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.*
10	11	12 **Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	13	14 	15 	16
17	18	19 **City Council Meeting*** *6 p.m.*	20	21	22 **Senior Game Night**	23
24	25	26	27	28		