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**DRUG TAKE BACK**

Drop off unused medication  
on Saturday, April 27

**GET INVOLVED**

Join a Webster board or  
commission

Webster Police  
Department is now on  
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# Easter Egg Hunt

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.  
AT WALNUT PARK, 400 N. WALNUT ST.**

Peter Cottontail will be at Walnut Park on Saturday, April 20 for the annual City of Webster Easter Egg Hunt!

The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. at Walnut Park, 400 N. Walnut St. ***It is recommended that the community arrive at the event early.***

This is a free event for children up to 10 years of age. There will also be a senior citizen division at the same time. Prizes will be awarded for special eggs.

Following the hunt, Peter Cottontail will be at the park gazebo for children to visit with and take photos.

Call 281.316.4137 for more information.



## AARP Tax Aide Ends April 15

AARP Tax-Aide will be in Webster until Monday, April 15. AARP Representatives are offering the free tax-aide at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., in Webster.

### 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.**

## Storm Drains Cleared

Spring is here, which means rain, rain, and more rain in the Houston-area.

To avoid flooding in Webster, crews cleared out the storm drains in the neighborhoods in February.

This is just one way that Storm Water Coordinator Jesse Espinoza works to ensure the storm drains and inlets can handle any heavy downpour.



## Get Involved. Join a Board.

**“The spirit and strength of the Webster community lie in the hands of the citizens who volunteer,” said Mayor Donna Rogers.**

The City of Webster requests your participation in a very important aspect of city government with a call for applicants to serve on the boards and commissions. Currently, there are vacancies in the Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board, and the Celebration Committee.

*The purpose of the **Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals** is to hear the appeals of decisions and interpretations of the Building Official and consider variances of the technical codes. (4 vacancies)*

*The purpose of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** is to hear and decide appeals, special exceptions and variances of the terms of the zoning ordinance that are consistent with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance. (1 vacancy)*

*The purpose of the **Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board** is to encourage and recommend the establishment and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities as well as recreation programs throughout the City. (2 vacancies)*

*The purpose of the **Celebration Committee** is to plan and guide staff in preparation for the Fourth of July Celebration. (2 vacancies)*

The members of the boards and commissions are registered voters in the City who volunteer their time, experience, and knowledge.

Applications are available on our website or you may contact City Secretary Crystal Roan at 281.316.4101 to request an application.

Webster’s value and character are strengthened with every act of volunteerism. Make a difference and volunteer.



*Animal Control Board Members Tom and Merry Wilks at the 2018 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner.*

### Ultimate Slammin' Summer



Gear up for summer and get your kids into the Ultimate Slammin' Summer Camp! During four, two-week sessions, children have the opportunity to learn and have fun all summer long.

Beginning April 1, residents can register their children, ages 6-12, for the summer camp that meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and extended hours from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Webster Recreation Center.

Registration per session for residents is \$75 for the first child and \$65 for each additional child. Go to [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com) to find the registration form, or visit the Recreation Center at 311 Pennsylvania Ave., to register. Registration for non-residents begins May 1. Contact Recreation Manager Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137 for more information.



## OFFICER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY



Congratulations to the February 2019 Webster Police Department Employee of the Month, Officer Javier Mendoza!

Officer Mendoza was chosen because of his decisive action when, while conducting a routine jail check, he discovered a female inmate with a blanket fashioned around her neck in an attempt to harm herself.

Officer Mendoza quickly notified a supervisor and was able to remove the blanket from the inmate's neck.

Officer Mendoza is commended for his attention to detail and quick decision making.



Medication Take Back Day will be on Saturday, April 27. You can participate by driving through the Webster Fire Station, where law enforcement will take medications for proper off-site disposal.

All unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications are accepted. **NO SHARPS.**

*We encourage the community to take advantage of the day to clear out your medicine cabinets and get rid of unused medication in a safe way.*



### PROJECT X

For more information, please call the Bay Area Alliance for Youth & Families at 281-284-0370 or visit [www.ccsid.net/alliance](http://www.ccsid.net/alliance)

## Stop by Webster Fire Station 1 18300 Hwy. 3 on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Two New Webster Fire Trucks

In February, Fire Marshal Dean Spencer, Fire Protection Specialist Kevin Dozier, and Shift Commander Curtis Johnson traveled to Wisconsin to check out the progress of the new Webster fire trucks.

In the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget, the replacement of two fire trucks were among the exciting projects that led to a tax rate increase. The fire department should acquire their new fire trucks this month.





## COUNCIL MEMBER BEVERLY GAINES, CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL

After completing 93 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs), Webster Council Member Beverly Gaines was designated a Certified Municipal Official by the Texas Municipal League.

In March, she was one of 82 public officials in Texas recognized for the achievement. This is her ninth time being recognized as a Certified Municipal Official.

During the year she attended training seminars covering topics such as networking, handling the media, and communicating with legislators.

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



## WARNING: ONLINE SCAM

Webster Detective George Schilter is warning residents of a scam that is taking money from people in the community.

According to Schilter, in January, a Spanish-speaking woman reported that in mid-2018 she received a phone call from someone claiming she had won an electronic tablet.

She gave the person her information and a few weeks later received the tablet. She began using the device, and months later received a call from a Spanish-speaking woman advising her that she needed to be in court because, the woman alleged,

there were software products on the tablet that the victim did not pay for.

The victim was given a reference for a lawyer. The woman contacted the person claiming to be the lawyer, who continued the scam story with claims of fees and fines, and soon the woman was out \$20,000.

***Schilter has four tips to keep this from happening to you or your loved ones:***

- ***If a deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is.***
- ***Many scams involve the use of gift cards purchased at stores and loaded with money. Beware of any request to pay for goods in this manner.***
- ***Always report suspected criminal activity to law enforcement. It's easier to vet a possible scam than it is to seek justice after the fact. Recovering money in scams is nearly impossible.***
- ***Scammers are depending on their victims to be afraid of law enforcement or ashamed as a way to continue their criminal activity.***

***If you think you are being scammed, contact Detective George Schilter at 281.332.2426.***



# ANSWERING THE CALL

*Lead Telecommunications Officer  
Kathryn Hamm*

“9-1-1, what is the location of your emergency,” Lead Telecommunications Officer Kathryn Hamm calmly responds after the phone rings in the Webster Call Center.

Nearly ten years ago, she nervously answered her first call. A frantic caller was reporting an accident on IH-45.

“I remember my heart pounding out of my chest on that call,” Kathryn described.

“Ten years later and I don’t really flinch when 9-1-1 rings. It is a part of the job, it is what we are supposed to do.”

This career was not the path Kathryn had initially seen for herself. She landed the job while job hunting, and it ended up being the perfect fit.

“When I was a kid I dreamed of having a job one day that mattered. Something that made a difference,” she explained. “Even though this wasn’t a career I pictured myself doing, I leave each day knowing that I made a difference when I answer that phone and that is an incredible feeling.”

**“For my community, I answer the call for the things that go bump in the night.”**

Kathryn is a Telecommunications Officer, but also

a wife and a mother. She works night shifts at the Webster Police Department.

“A lot of my life revolves around when I should be sleeping for work and when I need to be on duty,” she said. “But my days off revolve around my family. In these careers you have to be able to hang up that uniform and come home and say ‘this is what really matters’ on your days off.”

Something that most people don’t realize about Telecommunications Officers is the extent at which they assist law enforcement.

“[We work] behind the scenes, finding suspects, researching names and addresses and the history of addresses in our system,” she explained.

“We are really able to assist law enforcement in finding the bad guy. It is a really rewarding feeling. It is something you don’t expect going into the career. That you’re going to be such a key in fighting crime. It’s a lot of fun.”

Telecommunications Week is recognized on April 14 - 20, 2019. To Kathryn, this week means celebrating a career that has been behind the scenes for so long.

“It is exciting to see the public starting to understand what it is that we do, and how we play a part in the first responder world. Let’s celebrate who we are and what we can do.”

***Pictured below:** In 2018, TCO Kathryn Hamm was recognized by City Manager Wayne Sabo for her participation in capturing a violent offender and stopping what could have been a violent attack on a victim. Her ability to relay information to assisting agencies, officers, and other personnel during the incident showed how well trained and focused she is.*

*Pictured L-R: TCO Kathryn Hamm, TCO David Locascio, Officer Willis Corbin, Officer Reed Westall, Officer Michael Foran, Officer Eric D’Agostino, Sergeant Jason Tovar, and Officer Sam Davis.*





Full-time Police Officers Salary: \$52,143.52 (\$25,069/yr)  
 Police Cadet Salary: \$48,143.68 (\$23,146/yr)  
 (All Salaries depending on experience) 1% to \$57,058.88 (\$27,521/yr)

Benefits Package: 12 paid holidays, 24 hours of annual holiday time per year.  
 Pension: 80 hours years of service: 120 hours 14 years of service: 160 hours 19 years of service: 160 hours plus the option of 40 hours buy back.  
 Work time: 96 hours per year

Retirement: TMRS P16 Employee Contribution \$2 to 1 city match at 5-year waiting with year retirement option any age.

supplemental insurance policies on themselves and family members.  
 100% Tuition Reimbursement.  
 Exceptional equipment and training.  
 \$150-\$300/month TCOLE Certification.

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**THE WEBSTER POWER SWITCH IS BACK!**

The City of Webster has partnered with energy broker iChoosr to offer its residents the opportunity to benefit from group buying power in order to lower individual monthly electric bills. People who have switched with this program have saved approximately \$400 annually.

Register today at [www.websterpowerswitch.com](http://www.websterpowerswitch.com). The more people that register for the program, the better the chances that we'll secure a low-cost energy deal. It's free to sign up and there's no obligation to switch. Webster is just one of a number of Texas cities, including Dickinson and Farmers Branch, participating in the program.

## YARD OF THE MONTH CRITERIA

### HOW TO WIN AN AWARD

Yard of the Month judging is back. Will your yard win an award this year? According to the judges, the overall criteria includes the use of color, texture, line, and perhaps a garden art feature. Such as, 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," said one judge.

"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 also be considered. These are a few features to include in your winning landscape! Good luck!



A 2018 Commercial Winner



A 2018 Residential Winner



Splash Pad  
Open Now!

Located at Texas Avenue Park,  
17100 Texas Avenue



Happy Easter!

THE CITY OF WEBSTER OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18 FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER HOLIDAY. CITY OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 22.

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
MAY 27



# WEBSTER WATCH

MAY

## ★ UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on May 7 and May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on Tuesday, May 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](http://cityofwebster.com) for meeting information.

## ★ MEMORIAL DAY

Land of the free, because of the brave. The City of Webster thanks all those who have served.

City offices will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 28.



## ★ MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Treat your mom to a sweet treat or a shopping spree during a fun day out in Webster! Visit [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com) for restaurant and entertainment ideas.

## ★ ELECTION CANCELED

Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 were up for re-election in May of 2019. However, the candidates were unopposed, and during the City Council Meeting on March 5, the election was canceled.

**City Hall Main Number.....281.332.1826**

*All officials and offices can be reached using the main number*

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Donna Rogers.....[mayorrogers@cityofwebster.com](mailto:mayorrogers@cityofwebster.com)

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#2: Andrea Wilson.....[awilson@cityofwebster.com](mailto:awilson@cityofwebster.com)

#3: Larry Tosto.....[ltosto@cityofwebster.com](mailto:ltosto@cityofwebster.com)

#4: Beverly Gaines.....[bgaines@cityofwebster.com](mailto:bgaines@cityofwebster.com)

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Police (Non-emergency).....[vkeener@websterpd.com](mailto:vkeener@websterpd.com)

Public Works.....[jtobey@cityofwebster.com](mailto:jtobey@cityofwebster.com)

### CITY SERVICES

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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

Utility Billing.....281.316.4120

Water/Sewer Line Breaks.....281.316.3700

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## APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>Webster Martial Arts</b> Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	<b>2</b> <b>City Council Meeting*</b> 6 p.m.	<b>3</b> <b>Webster Aerobics</b> Every Monday & Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Webster Aerobics</b> Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*</b> 6 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Senior Game Night</b> 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>City Council Meeting*</b> 6 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> City offices close at 12:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> <b>Good Friday</b> City offices closed	<b>20</b> <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> Begins at 10:30 a.m. 
<b>21</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Senior Game Night</b> 	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		*Special meetings may be added and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check the City website at <a href="http://cityofwebster.com">cityofwebster.com</a> for meeting information!		