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WEBSTER DIVE TEAM MAKES A SPLASH

The Webster Dive Team stays busy training and responding to calls in the City of Webster and beyond.

In the past year, the Dive Team has responded to six calls, most of which were mutual aid, as other cities do not have dive teams. To better respond to emergencies, the Webster team recently added four new members. *(continued on page 3)*

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Be on the Lookout for Census Workers in Neighborhoods

To meet the constitutional and legislative requirements to count the U.S. Population, in preparation for the upcoming 2020 Decennial Census, Field Data Collection Activity began on August 4, 2019, and will continue through October 11, 2019.

Census Bureau Temporary Field Staff will work in neighborhoods to update the address lists and maps using a laptop computer. Field Staff will be knocking on doors to verify addresses and gather information on additional living quarters.

Field Staff can be identified by the laptop computer with a Census Bureau logo on the top, a black canvass bag with a Census logo, and a photo identification card.

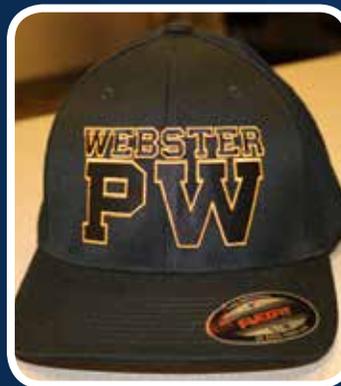
By April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. Residents will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

If you have any concerns about Census workers in your neighborhoods, contact the Webster Police Department at 281.332.2426.

Public Works Safety Awards

Public Works Employees were recognized in August for making it through the past year without any accidents. Recipients received a personalized Public Works hat.

Recipients of the award were: Jesse Espinoza, Charles Dostal, Mike Bradshaw, Tracey Swindle, Richard Wilkinson, Victor Tapia, Michael Castillo, Tony Pineiro, Lorenzo Esquivel, Mickey McCarty, Jose Betancourt, Jeremy Arrowood, Gelacio Torres, Martin Salinas, Amanda Trover, Leonard Hernandez, Leon Perez, Dan Zombory, JD Dushane, Bill Beale, Howard Myers, Michael Castaneda, Justin Hamberg, David Glasco, Pamela Guillory, Jennifer Tobey, and Art Ayala.



Dive Team continued...

Telecommunications Officer Meghan Bilbrey, and Officer Reed Westall joined from the Police Department. Lieutenant Kevin Dozier and Firefighter Nick DeNease were also added to the roster from the Fire Department.

The four new members have received the Rescue Diver Certification but are still working on becoming Public Safety Diver Certified.

As a certified Public Safety Diver, responders have the skills to conduct search and recovery dives and help in underwater investigations.

Currently, Fire Marshal Dean Spencer, Assistant Fire Marshal Warren Chappell, Fire Shift Commander Jason Myers, Fire Shift Commander Curtis Johnson, and Police Officer Andrew Brooks are Public Safety Divers. The team also has one non-diver, Firefighter Mike Bodak, who has a support role on the team as the Tender.

“It takes the whole team to make this type of response happen,” said Dive Team Leader Warren Chappell. “It’s difficult work.”

Since the team was formed in 2010, it has also grown in apparatus. Earlier this year, the dive team acquired a new Rescue Boat. The team trains regularly on the boat and in the water. This is just one more way that Webster works to keep the community safe.



Webster Dive Team members trained in their scuba suits at San Jacinto Maritime College in La Porte.



The Dive Team participated in Tender Training with Firefighter Mike Bodak.



The new rescue boat made its first trip out on Clear Creek in January 2019.



Congratulations to the July Police Department Employee of the Month – Officer Ron Bellnoski.

Ron was nominated for his outstanding investigation of an animal cruelty case. On July 14, Officer Bellnoski was dispatched to the parking lot of Mint Poker in regards to a dog being locked inside a vehicle.

When Officer Bellnoski arrived, he immediately recognized that the animal was in severe distress and took the appropriate actions to remove it from the vehicle. During the subsequent investigation, Officer Bellnoski discovered that the internal temperature of the car was a blistering 109 degrees.

Officer Bellnoski eventually located the animal’s owner and placed him into custody for cruel confinement. Additionally, Officer Bellnoski and Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover were able to seize the animal and permanently remove him from the owner.

Congratulations to Officer Nick Sedunov, Detective Alan Bracher, and Detective Michael Palermo, who were also nominated for their outstanding performance on unrelated cases – well done!



WELCOME TO WEBSTER

Business Update

Cut Foil 20801 Gulf Fwy. Cut Foil is a boutique wine and craft beer bar, which serves quality cheeses, farm-to-table bites, and more.

Cafe Dew 105 W. Bay Area Blvd. The new cafe serves Dapper Doughnuts, and has a menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Pho Barr 803 E. NASA Pkwy. The new restaurant is family-owned and operated, serving pho and various other traditional Vietnamese dishes.

Rowdy’s 803 E. NASA Pkwy. The country-western bar has three full-service bars and an authentic real wood dance floor. The dance hall is open Wednesday through Sunday.

Urban Air Adventure Park 20251 Gulf Fwy. Urban Air opened August 31. The new venue has several exhilarating activities including a go-cart track and trampoline park.



Cut Foil has live music on Saturday nights, and special events during the week.



Urban Air Adventure Park has activities for guests of all ages.



MEET CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ROLANDA IVY

As Code Enforcement Officer, it is Rolanda Ivy's job to make sure property owners in Webster are following the code of ordinances. Ordinances are in effect to keep Webster beautiful, but more importantly, to keep Webster safe.

A Code Enforcement Officer must have a keen eye for detail. As Rolanda drives around Webster, she makes a note of old violations, and takes pictures of new violations. Once she spots an issue, and she records the information in an iPad App that was created by Webster GIS Manager Richard Parkin.

Once she returns to the office, she attempts to reach the property owners by phone. Contacting owners can be an arduous task. If she is unable to reach the owner by phone, she will send a letter. In some cases, Rolanda will contact the Police Department to assist her in visiting the owner on their property.

Most of the time, if Rolanda can speak with the owner directly, the problem is resolved quickly.

"I want people to comply, I don't want to force them into it," Rolanda explained. "Code Enforcement is important for cities because you want to recruit new businesses and residents, and you want to keep current businesses and residents safe."

Rolanda came to Webster in February 2019, and before her time in Code Enforcement, she spent 12 years at the Galveston County Health District. She worked as a Nuisance Abatement

Above: Rolanda drives around the City, making notes of old violations and taking pictures of new violations.

Officer and Health Inspector.

Rolanda took six months of classes to become a licensed Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Webster. Although she is well-versed in the ordinances, she still keeps the Code of Ordinances at her fingertips.

Some of the most frequent violations that Rolanda comes across involve tall grass and tree limbs on the curb.

She would like to remind residents to bundle tree limbs for Republic Services to pick up with the trash. Tree limbs must be no more than 5 feet long and under 50 pounds.

Rolanda is new to Webster, but she looks forward to meeting the residents and becoming a familiar face around town.

Code Enforcement Officer Rolanda Ivy can be reached at rivy@cityofwebster.com.

YARD OF THE MONTH *July*



FIRST PLACE

RESIDENTIAL
623 AQUILLA SQUARE

COMMERCIAL
ORAL SURGERY
ASSOCIATION



SECOND PLACE

RESIDENTIAL
616 PERTONILA LN.

COMMERCIAL
THE FALLS AT
CLEAR LAKE



HONORABLE MENTION

RESIDENTIAL
18415 KINGS ROW

COMMERCIAL
DUDE STOP/
CHECKERS

WEBSTER IS PROUD TO BE A **CERTIFIED SCENIC CITY**

The City of Webster earned the Silver Certification from Scenic Texas in August.

Webster was recognized for the demonstrated commitment to high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and spaces.

Official certification is earned by cities that score points and meet threshold standards for landscaping, tree planting, and sign regulation.



WEBSTER ANIMAL SHELTER PROGRESS

THE SHELTER IS EXPECTED TO OPEN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School is back in session, which means lowered speed limits, and increased congestion on the roads.

Please take extra caution and follow the proper protocol at bus stops and school zones to ensure the safety of the students. Not only is it dangerous to neglect the rules, but it is illegal.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

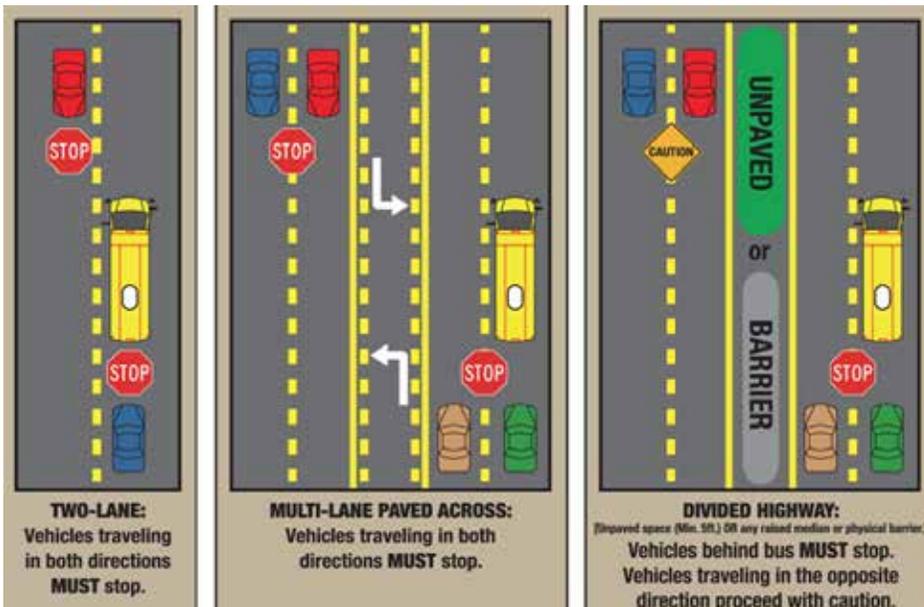
- + IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN, DO NOT DOUBLE PARK. IT BLOCKS VISIBILITY FOR OTHER CHILDREN AND VEHICLES.

- + DO NOT LOAD OR UNLOAD CHILDREN ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL.

- + CARPOOL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES AT THE SCHOOL.

HELP US KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND PAY ATTENTION WHILE DRIVING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING BUS SAFETY, CONTACT WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 281.332.2426.

**From the National Safety Council*



**Graphic from the Cedar Park Police Department*

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

SEPTEMBER

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 02** LABOR DAY
City offices closed
- 03** CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 10** WEBSTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MEETING
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 11** PATRIOT DAY

PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION MEETING
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 13** SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center
- 17** CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 27** SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

WEBSTER AEROBICS

MON-WED 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the
Recreation Center

SUN 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Recreation
Center

TAE KWON DO

MON, TUES & WED
at the Recreation Center

COMING UP:



HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

*Join us for the Halloween Festival at Texas Avenue
Park on Saturday, October 26 beginning at 6 p.m.*



REST IN PEACE PAULINE SMALL

*Former City Secretary
Pauline Small passed away
in August.*

Pauline dedicated 36 years
to public service, including
17 years to the City of
Webster. She retired from
the City in January 2016.

Pauline Small will be
greatly missed by all.