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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Including Christmas in the Park

It's the most wonderful time of the year, homes are adorned with bright lights, and the community is bustling as shoppers are out looking for that perfect gift.

Meanwhile, the City of Webster is getting ready for the annual Christmas Yard Decorating Contest, Senior Holiday Luncheon, and Christmas in the Park.
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Happy Holidays!

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, and will reopen on Thursday, January 2. Please be respectful of neighbors, and remember that fireworks are prohibited within city limits.



Republic Services will be impacted, and customers will receive services on the following day for both Christmas and New Year's.

2019 Holiday Events continued...



SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCH

Join us at the annual Senior Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 12, at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place at the Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., and all senior residents are welcome to attend. There will be delicious food and wonderful company.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The community is invited to bring blankets and chairs and enjoy the festivities on Saturday, December 14, beginning at 5 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave.

Bundle up and enjoy local vendors as the Space City Big Band performs from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Following the concert, a showing of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas will play on the Texas Avenue Park lawn from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Santa will also be in attendance to take photos with kids from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST

Judges will make their rounds to the Webster neighborhoods in December. A first, second, third, and honorable mention will be chosen for both the east and west side of Highway 3. Yards are judged based on the use of color, creativity, aesthetic beauty, and variety of decorations used.





ANIMAL SHELTER GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 FROM 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
855 MAGNOLIA AVE.

The new Webster Animal Shelter facility will have 16 kennels, a feline room, a viewing room, and an office for Senior Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover.

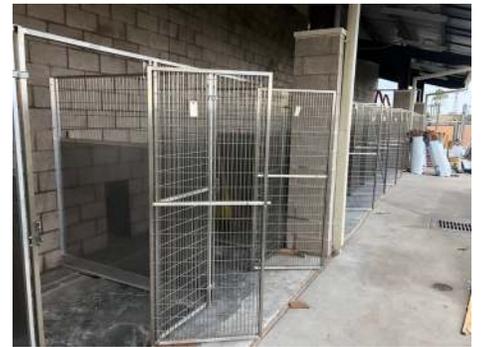
Join us from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for the Grand Opening of the Webster Animal Shelter on Saturday, December 7!

This facility has been in the works for over a year, and will be an upgrade for the Public Works Department. Currently, the Senior Animal Control Officer offices in the Public Works Service Center, and the current shelter has only 13 cat kennels and nine dog runs.

Senior Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover works tirelessly, rescuing animals, finding homes for the animals, and educating the community.

The new facility will allow her to take even better care of the animals, and leave an even bigger paw print on the community.

Stop by on Saturday, December 7, as we celebrate the grand opening. There will be food, drinks, tours, and adoptions.



• WEBSTER
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EMPLOYEE
OF THE
MONTH

OCTOBER 2019

Congratulations to the Police Department Employee of the Month for October! The officer who was chosen is working undercover, and his name cannot be used.

He was nominated for his efforts to shut down an active drug deal from a residence in the Webdale Subdivision.

Acting on a tip, the officer initiated the investigation, and diligently worked to gather intelligence until he could establish enough probable cause for a search warrant.

Once the search warrant was executed, it led to the discovery of a large amount of marijuana, Xanax pills, a stolen firearm, and the arrest of three suspects.

More importantly, the officer's efforts helped to rid the neighborhood of a nuisance house and sent the message that drug dealers are not welcome in the City of Webster.

Webster Police Detective

GEORGE SCHILTER

Webster Police Detective George Schilter has been a market forecaster, a private detective, a lawyer, and more. He has owned a hotel in Alcapulco, Mexico, real estate, and a detective agency. But, for the past 20 years, he has been a Police Officer for the City of Webster.

"I like the people. I like to talk to them, know them, watch them, and listen to them," he explained.

Detective Schilter is currently Detective in the Financial Crimes division. Each day he helps victims of financial crimes, including online scams, phone scams, identity theft, and credit card abuse.

"I enjoy going to work every day," he said. "The core of policing for me is the newness every day. Sometimes the mundane, and sometimes intense. But, each day is a learning experience."

According to George, investigating requires more patience and perseverance than patrolling, and the results are often disappointing.

"Not everything referred for investigation is criminal, and not everything can be solved."

"I like to take time to write to victims in my cases explaining these things so they don't feel victimized further or that the police aren't trying to help them."

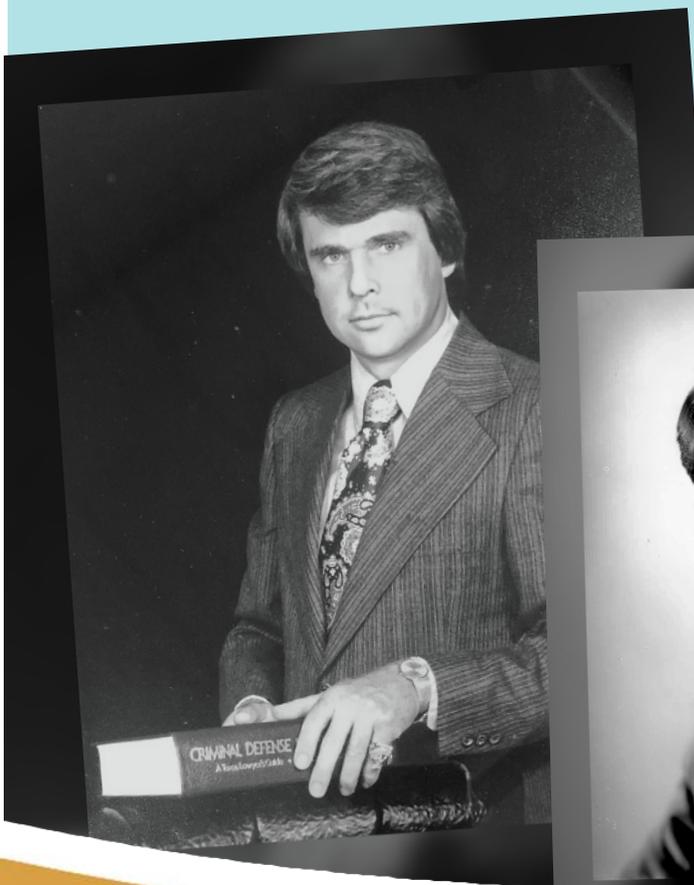
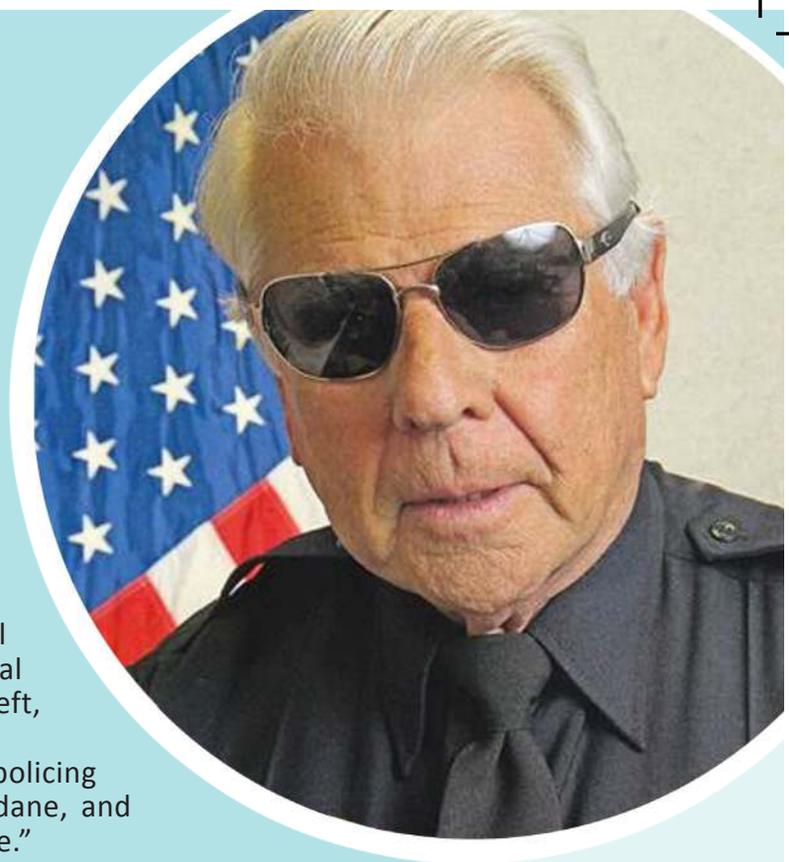
One of the most intense moments of Detective Schilter's law enforcement career was the Flower Shop Murder Case in 2013. He was able to use tactics he learned as a lawyer to indict the suspect.

Detective George Schilter is passionate about his career and dedicated to helping the Webster community.

Outside of his life at the police department, he has three sons and a daughter. His oldest son is a lawyer, and his youngest is at Baylor Law School. His middle son is an officer with the Military Sealift Command, his daughter is in school at San Jacinto College, and her mother is a physician and an Honorary Webster Police Officer.

To contact the Webster Police Department Financial Crime Division, call 281.316.4178.

Photos: Detective George Schilter photographed at the start of his law career in 1972, and Detective George Schilter photographed in 1969.



THE WEBSTER WRAP



Featured in Bay Area Houston Magazine



Webster's Academy Sports+Outdoors touts the region's largest selection of athletic footwear and apparel. Top brands, like Under Armour, are exceptionally popular—even among the youngest set, like Derek who gives a high-five to Mayor Donna Rogers.

THERE'S A LOT TO LOVE inside Webster's top retailers this holiday season. Program all navigation systems to stop at Academy Sports+Outdoors, Bed Bath & Beyond, James Avery, and Costco for a riveting shopping adventure, just as Webster's Mayor Donna Rogers and Council Member Jennifer Heidt demonstrate in these terrific photographs.

The in-store experience and selecting the very best gifts is made pleasurable, personal, and meaningful in Webster where 32 shopping centers featuring some of the best retailers in the world, along with stand-alone giant leaders like Academy Sports+Outdoors, American Furniture Warehouse, Costco, Star Furniture, Exclusive Furniture, and Fry's Electronics, provide comprehensive offerings and stellar customer service.

A visit to Webster's top retailers reinforces the memorable, tactile, sensory experience that awaits consumers that cannot be replicated in the digital arena. The ability to see, touch, and feel merchandise, as well as engage in meaningful dialogue with knowledgeable store associates, is unique to the in-store experience.



Bed Bath & Beyond delivers a convenient, engaging, inspiring shopping experience, like that enjoyed by Council Member Heidt and Mayor Rogers.



Mayor Rogers sparkles and shines in James Avery's "Shimmering Elements" necklace, ear-hooks, and "Hammered Link" bracelet—all in sterling silver—designed and made in Texas.



Costco's General Manager Scott Huntington and Mayor Donna Rogers revel in the excitement of shopping for toys, as Costco features the most popular toys and games.



Costco Wholesale's position as the third-largest global retailer and proven expertise in offering high quality merchandise at low prices powers Webster's super-regional economy. Mayor Rogers rocks the exquisite Marquise Diamond Cuff that fits her style perfectly.



The camo department at Academy Sports+Outdoors features a wide array of hunting and camping equipment and gear. Mayor Donna Rogers and Council Member Heidt are ready for the outdoors with camo gear and Yeti coolers and tumblers.



Webster's Bed Bath & Beyond features the largest inventory of coffee makers, espresso machines, and kitchen appliances in the entire region. Mayor Rogers enjoys a cup of espresso made with the DeLonghi La Specialista.



Academy Sports+Outdoors' novelty t-shirts are perfect for celebrating the holidays. Mayor Rogers and Council Member Heidt exhibit approval of Academy's cool assortment of "Festive Flair" tops.



NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager and City Secretary Appointed

During the meeting on Tuesday, November 19, Danny Presley was appointed Webster City Manager, and Marisela Garcia was appointed Webster City Secretary.

Danny was hired as Police Chief in April 2014, and in March 2018, he was appointed Assistant City Manager. His résumé includes master's degrees in Business and Criminal Justice Leadership, and he is a graduate of the Presidential Scholar Leadership Program. Danny's knowledge and experience proved he was right for the job.

"I'm honored and humbled to serve as Webster's new City Manager, and I'm very grateful to the Mayor and City Council for their trust and support," he said. "Webster is a special place, and it's a privilege to serve alongside the most dedicated and talented employees anywhere. We will be committed each day to providing exceptional service to Webster's visitors and residents. I look forward to a bright future for our City!"

Marisela Garcia was hired as Deputy City Secretary in 2017 but has been in City Government for over 20 years. She was president of the Texas Municipal Clerk Association - Salt Grass Chapter in 2018. Her background made her the perfect candidate for the job.

AS SEEN ON INSTAGRAM



Meet Webster Pet of the Week: James Bond!

James Bond is a Jack Russell/Labrador mix around two years old. He is the perfect size for a family, great with kids and other dogs and cats, and is quiet while in the kennel. This sweet pup has been at the shelter since September 20.

Webster Public Works Director Shannon Hicks wants you to adopt, not shop! For more information, contact Senior Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover at 281.316.3700. #WebsterRescues

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DON'T BE A VICTIM

**LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEYS,
REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES**

It only takes seconds for a person to break into your car and take 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.

Webster Police suggest shoppers bring purchases home before going to the next store or restaurant, and always take your keys and lock your doors.

If you see suspicious behavior while you are out, call the police.



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DECEMBER

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 03** CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
6 p.m. in City Hall
- 07** ANIMAL SHELTER
GRAND OPENING
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 10** WEBSTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 12** SENIOR LUNCHEON
Beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- 14** CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- 17** CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
CANCELED
- 24** CHRISTMAS EVE
Offices closed
- 25** CHRISTMAS DAY
Offices closed
- 31** NEW YEARS EVE
Offices open

**Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check the City website at cityofwebster.com for meeting information.*



The City of Webster is excited to introduce businesses like Stomp's Burger Joint, Tiff's Treats, Blitz Sports Grill & Party Bar, and Petland to the community.

Check out the January Newsletter for more information on the new businesses.

PET HEALTH *Safety Day & Adoption Event*

Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

Adoptable animals from local shelters and rescue groups will be present along with local pet service providers presenting information about their services, general pet care, and health issues. Come join the fun!

FREE PET REGISTRATION FREE MICROCHIPS \$15 RABIES VACCINATION

