WebsterWay

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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 26, 2019

The 2019 Halloween Festival is almost here, and this year there will be a haunted house, game booths, food vendors, and more!

On October 26, kids can collect candy, play games, and explore the haunted house at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave. All activities will begin at 6 p.m.

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Records Management Day

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

While state and federal offices, post offices, and banks will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 14, the City of Webster will take a day to manage departmental records.

All employees will report to work as usual, but City offices will be closed to the public to take advantage of an uninterrupted day to sort through paperwork and process records in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

The City holds this annual event to improve customer service and efficiency in locating documents and reducing storage needs.

Regular garbage services, police and fire will be handled as usual. For more information, contact Records Manager Renee Kross at 281.316.4136.

JOIN US FOR A MOVIE AT THE FIRE STATION ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11. THERE WILL BE A SHOWING OF ZOOTOPIA. FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.

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Whether your kids are in preschool or high school, the Webster Halloween Festival is the place to be this Halloween.

The free event is the perfect way to celebrate Halloween safely.

While the DJ is playing music, characters will be walking around the park to take photos with children. There will be three game booths and three inflatables. There will also be a balloonist and face painter.

A costume contest will also take place, with Whataburger prizes, up to $50 each!

Texas Avenue Park is located at 17100 Texas Ave. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

So dress up, and head over to the Webster Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 26.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 8-1-1

According to Texas811, fewer than half of Americans believe they need to call 8-1-1 before simple projects like installing a deck, planting a tree, or installing a mailbox. However, even tasks as simple as this can cause immense damage.

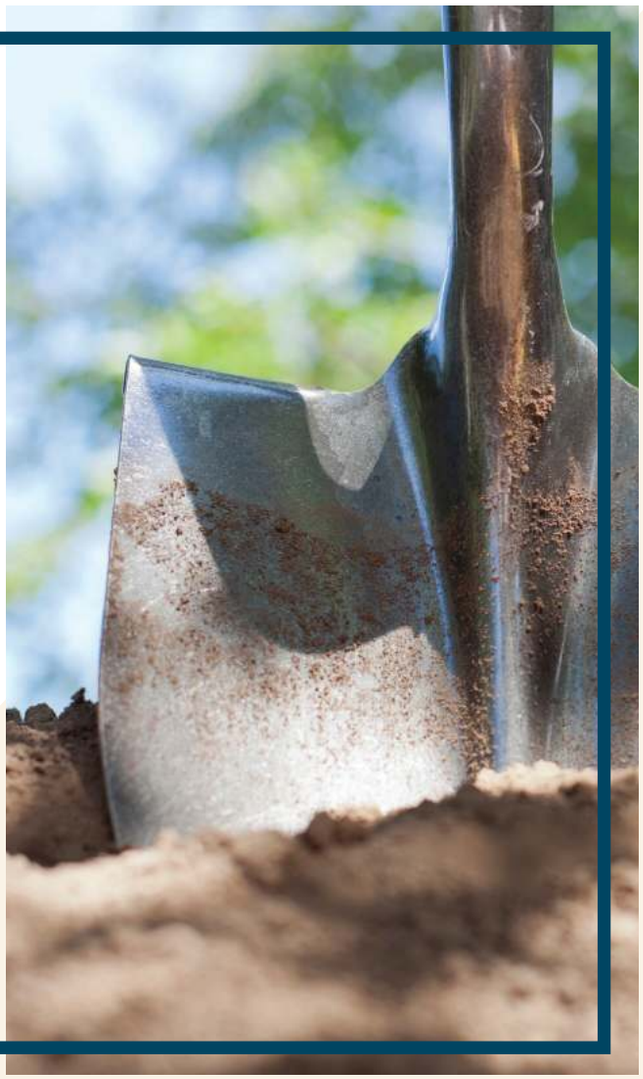
We want to remind residents to call before you dig, no matter what the project is!

Requesting to have your lines marked is easy. Make a request online at www.texas811.org, or contact a Damage Prevention Agent at 8-1-1. You will need to have the information on what and where the work is being done. A normal ticket requires a two working day notice before the work can begin.

If you hit a gas pipeline, even if it is just a scratch, leave the area immediately. Once at a safe distance, call 9-1-1 and then Texas811. Do not start a vehicle engine or use your cell phone until you can no longer smell gas. Do not turn any electrical switches on or off, and if you are on a landline, do not hang up.

Texas811 is a free service that helps homeowners and professionals avoid damaging underground utilities. When you make the free call to 8-1-1 you'll help prevent unintended consequences such as injury to you or your family, damage to your property, utility service outages to the entire neighborhood, and potential fines and repair costs.

For more information, visit www.texas811.org.



WEBSTER POLICE DEPT.

AUGUST 2019

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

OFFICER WILLIS CORBIN

Congratulations to the August Police Department Employee of the Month, Officer Willis Corbin. On August 18, 2019, at approximately 3:45 a.m., Officer Corbin was conducting proactive business patrols along Bay Area Boulevard when he rolled up on an in-progress burglary of a business.

While Officer Corbin was standing by for backup to arrive, four suspects ran from the business and got into a waiting vehicle. Officer Corbin pursued the suspects for approximately 20 miles before they stopped and ran into a heavily wooded area in Southeast Houston. After a prolonged search, one suspect was arrested.

Officer Corbin is recognized for his diligence in patrolling the city and suppressing criminal activity – Excellent work Officer Willis!

Congratulations to Officer Reed Westall who was also nominated for his role in pursuing and capturing four suspects from a retail theft which occurred in League City on August 20, 2019.

Sgt. Vaughn Graduates FBI National Academy

Webster Police Sergeant John Vaughn graduated from the 277th session of the FBI National Academy in September.

Sergeant Vaughn was chosen to be one of the 258 law enforcement leaders from around the globe to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy (FBINA).

During his ten weeks of training at the FBINA, Sgt. Vaughn was given the opportunity to learn from some of the country's most knowledgeable instructors in the fields of contemporary drug enforcement strategies, essentials for law enforcement leaders, media relations, forensic science for police administrators, and fitness for law enforcement.

"The personal and professional relationships that I developed while attending the National Academy will stay with me throughout my career and beyond," said Sergeant John Vaughn.

We want to congratulate Sergeant Vaughn in joining his fellow FBINA graduates at the Webster Police Department, and we are thrilled to have him back.

Bottom left photo: Sergeant Vaughn and his classmates stood in the rain during the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Rest in Peace, Pauline Small

The community bids farewell to Retired Webster City Secretary

On August 13, 2019, Retired Webster City Secretary Pauline Small passed away at the age of 71.

Pauline was a wife, a mother, a friend, and a leader in the Houston-area. She worked as the Webster City Secretary for 17 years, but dedicated 37 years of her life to public service.

She attended Blinn College, where she met her husband, Ricky Small. They were married on June 12, 1969, and had two children and built a life together in Sealy, Texas. She began her career in Municipal Service in 1979 with the City of Sealy and retired as the City Secretary of the City of Webster in 2016.

During her time in Webster, she was a mentor, a teacher, a leader, and a friend to all. She was a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA) for over two decades, and served in leadership positions, as an instructor at the state and local levels, and as a good friend and mentor to her peers.

She was the TMCA Salt Grass Chapter Municipal Clerk of the Year in 2001, and the Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year in 2007. In 2015, she was named the Municipal Clerk of the Year and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Salt Grass Chapter.

Former TMCA member and close friend of Pauline's, Patrice Fogerty, remembered Pauline as a public servant from tip to toe.

"Public service was her heart," said Patrice. "She was mature in her career. She would make a decision, and her decisions were sound."

After retirement from the City of Webster, she remained active in the community and the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

"She was an excellent city secretary and an even better friend," said Patrice.

Pauline will be remembered most for her strength, love, support, and her beautiful smile.

Pauline and her husband, Ricky Small, at her Retirement Party in Jan., 2016.

Pauline with City Council at her Retirement Party in Jan., 2016.

YARD OF THE MONTH *August*

FIRST PLACE

RESIDENTIAL
521 S. AUSTIN ST.

COMMERCIAL
OASIS OF HOPE CHURCH

SECOND PLACE

RESIDENTIAL
315 LINDA LN.

COMMERCIAL
MARIPOSA APARTMENT HOMES

HONORABLE MENTION

RESIDENTIAL
214 LINDA LN.

COMMERCIAL
SPRING HILL SUITES

NEW BUSINESSES **SEPTEMBER 2019**

HTeaO, *481 W. Bay Area Blvd.*
The Iced-Tea Franchise was born in Texas and has a wide variety of iced teas, including Peach Ginger, Blueberry Green, and Watermelon. HTeaO will open in 2020.

Fairfield Inn & Suites, *401 Texas Ave.*
Webster's 20th hotel, Fairfield Inn and Suites, opens in October. The brand new hotel has 80 rooms.

American Furniture Warehouse, *21501 Gulf Fwy.*
American Furniture Warehouse is now open in Webster. The store offers the community a large selection of quality, stylish home furnishings, and accessories at low prices.

FALL CLEAN UP

OCTOBER 21 - 25

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

OCTOBER 26

Beginning Monday, October 21, the City will provide FREE curbside pick up of trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc., for residents. Curbside pickup will continue until Friday, October 25.

Discarded items may also be disposed of at the Webster Public Works Service Center, 855 Magnolia Ave. There will be employees available to help unload from Saturday, October 19 until Friday, October 25, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The debris for pick up should be out first thing on Monday morning, October 21.

Residents are also encouraged to participate in the City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, October 26, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, visit cityofwebster.com.

Meet Shift Commander Shane Martin

Webster Shift Commander Shane Martin began his career in fire service at the age of 15 for the Arcadia Volunteer Fire Department in Santa Fe. He found the profession to be rewarding, exciting, and he had a general enjoyment in helping people.

At the age of 21, he became a firefighter for the Texas City Fire Department. He retired as Captain from the department 24 years later.

After retirement, he worked for Dow Chemical in Industrial Firefighting for several years, but he missed the civil fire service.

So, in March 2019, he joined the Webster Fire Department as Lieutenant. When an opening became available for Shift Commander, he applied. His experience and training made him a qualified candidate for the position.

In August, he was promoted to Shift Commander, and Shane appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the department's growth.

Shift Commander Martin is a Master Firefighter, paramedic, hazmat technician, and has certifications in fire inspection and investigation.

"I really feel that each day I get to do this job is an accomplishment," said Shane.

When asked what his favorite part of the job is, he said, "I don't know if it's a feeling I can describe clearly. It's the sigh of relief or subtle thank you on a person's face that you get when you have helped someone or brought a positive outcome to a negative situation."

"Webster Fire Department is experiencing many positive changes, and with my new position, I feel I can contribute greatly to its success."

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OCTOBER

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

01 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6 p.m. at City Hall

08 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING
CANCELED

11 SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center

MOVIE AT THE FIRE STATION
7 p.m. at Webster Fire Station

14 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DAY
City offices closed

21 FALL CLEAN UP WEEK
Pick up begins

25 SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center

FALL CLEAN UP WEEK
Pick up ends

26 CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
From 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Fire Station

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
6 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park

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THIS MONTH:

BAY AREA MEDICATION TAKE BACK

Medication Take Back Day will be on Saturday, October 26. 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.

Stop by Webster Fire Station, 18300 Hwy. 3, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SPLASH PAD CLOSING FOR THE SEASON

The Splash Pad at Texas Avenue Park will be closing for the Fall/Winter on November 1.

The Splash Pad will reopen Spring 2020.