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ABOUT THE COVER: *Liam, a six-year-old resident, spent the day with Webster Police and Fire Department in between hospital visits.*

OFFICER FOR THE DAY

Six-year-old resident, battling stage-4 leukemia hangs out with first responders

Liam spends several days per week at the hospital, receiving chemotherapy and treatments for his leukemia. But for one day, his wish was to spend time with the local police officers and firefighters.

Caring for a child with cancer is financially taxing. So, when the Webster Police Department heard...
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CITY COUNCIL

Donna Rogers
Mayor

Jennifer Heidt
Council Member Position 1

Andrea Wilson
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member Position 2

Larry Tosto
Council Member Position 3

Beverly Gaines
Council Member Position 4

Edward Lapeyre
Council Member Position 5

Martin Graves
Council Member Position 6

City Hall Main Number
281.332.1826

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

Fire (Non-emergency)
281.332.2711

Police (Non-emergency)
281.332.2426

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Martin Luther King Jr., Day

City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21. Trash services will run as regularly scheduled.

ANIMAL SHELTER GRAND OPENING

In December, Webster Council and Staff celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Animal Shelter. Following the ribbon-cutting, there were tours and several adoptions.

Senior Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover is looking forward to moving into the new shelter at the beginning of the year.

You can visit the Animal Shelter at 855 Magnolia Ave. Adoptions take place from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. on Fridays.



Officer for the Day continued...

about the young boy they started the initiative to raise funds for the family. Officers extended No Shave November to No Shave December, to continue raising money for the family. Officers provided the family with a meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and delivered a Christmas tree and ornaments to their home in December.

On December 10, Liam was invited to the Webster Police Department to become an honorary Police Officer and Firefighter for the day. He had the chance to explore the stations and vehicles while hanging out with the first responders.

Bedrock City Comic Company donated a room filled with toys to Liam, Chick-fil-A provided breakfast for everyone, and H-E-B brought a cake.

It was an inspiring day for both Liam and all the Webster employees involved. He is a brave young man with an entire community rallying behind him.



NEW WEBSTER LEADERS

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED

At the December 3 City Council Meeting, Mike Ahrens was appointed Assistant City Manager, and Dean Spencer was appointed Fire Chief.

Mike Ahrens has over 30 years of local government experience, and 21 years of service as a City Manager. He served as City Manager in Mount Pleasant, Texas, for almost 11 years before coming to Webster.

He is a Certified Public Manager (CPM), and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership from Texas A&M University. His impressive background and his exceptional interpersonal skills made him a great candidate to serve the City of Webster.

Dean Spencer began working for the City of Webster in 1978. His 40-year career has given him extensive experience in Fire Incident Command and Control, Fire Scene Investigation, Emergency Management, and more. He has completed numerous executive leadership courses, and he is an instructor in most of his fields of expertise.

He has been dedicated to Webster for 40 years, and he has done an excellent job leading the fire department during that time.

Both Mike Ahrens and Dean Spencer were appointed into their roles unanimously by City Council.



**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MIKE AHRENS**



FIRE CHIEF DEAN SPENCER

CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATING WINNERS



FIRST PLACE

WEST: 214 HENRIETTA ST.

EAST: 19418 OLD GALVESTON RD.



SECOND PLACE

WEST: 315 COLE ST.

EAST: 18602 ANNE DR.



THIRD PLACE

WEST: 403 TRAVIS ST.

EAST: 894 KINGSGATE LN.



HONORABLE MENTION

WEST: 316 LINDA LN.

EAST: 425 WATER ST.



2020 ELECTION INFO

SATURDAY, MAY 2

The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on **May 2, 2020**.

The filing period to apply for a place on the ballot is **January 15 through February 14, 2020**. Mayor and Council Position 6 will be on the May ballot.

Incumbents respectively are Donna Rogers and Martin 'Marty' Graves. Election packets for interested candidates are available on the City website at cityofwebster.com.

REGISTER TO VOTE BY APRIL 2

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 20

Last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 20. Submit an application for a single election starting January 1.

EARLY VOTING BEGINNING APRIL 20 ENDING APRIL 28

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave. from April 20-April 28. **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 27-28 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**

ELECTION DAY MAY 2

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

A voting device to assist voters with a 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 15 through February 14, 2020. 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 20, 2020 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

Marisela Garcia, City Secretary

Bigger. Better. Bolder. PORTAL TO SPACE



Webster Mayor Donna Rogers and Nanoracks Project Manager Brock Howe stand just outside of the state-of-the-art Bishop Airlock cleanroom where the Airlock assembly and pre-flight testing is transpiring in preparation for a Fall 2020 launch to the ISS.

Nanoracks' Bishop Airlock is a Global Game-Changer

FOR THE PAST DECADE, one of the world's most innovative aerospace companies, Nanoracks, with its headquarters in Webster on Forge River Road, in close proximity to NASA's Johnson Space Center, has been making history.

Nanoracks, whose motto is "Your Portal to Space," truly practices this philosophy, as this commercial space logistics and space habitat company, with its unique array of space hardware and services, has literally opened the doors (a new airlock) on the International Space Station to the world. From elementary students to United States agencies, international governments, institutions, startups, and corporations that had no space program, Nanoracks built a program to transport their microgravity scientific experiments and launch their satellites, communications, and observation devices in low-Earth orbit. Nanoracks has launched over 800 payloads to the International Space Station and made space accessible to all. And, now, with the development of the Bishop Airlock—the first commercially developed and privately owned component that

will be installed on the International Space Station in Fall 2020, Nanoracks is rendering the doorway to space bigger, bolder, and more user-friendly—and transforming the global business of space.

Nanoracks, renowned as the "Concierge to the Stars" and the "FedEx to Outer Space," is revolutionizing the role of private aerospace firms' relationship with NASA and global space agencies, ensuring the longevity and success of the International Space Station (ISS) program, and building an ecosystem or pathway to the vastness of space—accessible to all. Nanoracks is a remarkable company that chooses not to patent its research hardware in egalitarian efforts to foster a full range of space activities, including launching hardware and customer payloads, working with astronauts and their space agencies to develop cost-efficient human and robotically-tended in-space platforms, lunar stations, and habitats, and collaborating with a variety of synergistic companies and organizations (like robotics, computer, avionics, and aerospace firms) to explore, design, build, and operate throughout the solar system.

Nanoracks' Bishop Airlock ushers in a new era for the space industry. Not only is this Airlock five times larger than the Japanese Experiment Module (JEM) Airlock that Nanoracks and others have relied upon

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for payload deployment on the ISS but also the Bishop Airlock is designed, built, funded, and owned by Nanoracks. NASA provided the real estate (the last remaining vacancy) on the ISS to Nanoracks who will retain the "pink slip" for the \$25M Airlock. The Bishop Airlock received its name based on the chess piece

Just as Earthlings seek to learn more about their planet—from instant communication and intelligence gathering across the globe to the study of coastlines, weather patterns, or animal migration—the top platform to do this from space is via Nanoracks' CubeSats Deployment Program. And, just as companies, institutions, public and private schools, and highly classified government agencies seek to determine the effects of microgravity on foods, drinks, fragrances, bone density, chemicals, and so much more, the best platform for this research is Nanoracks' prowess in flying experiments to its facilities aboard the ISS, providing instructions to the astronauts, managing payload operations, and overseeing daily



Airlock Project Manager Brock Howe and Mayor Donna Rogers with the Bishop Airlock—which measures six feet tall and weighs 2,200 pounds—more than five times larger than the Japanese Airlock that Nanoracks currently uses to deploy satellites from the ISS.

that can move diagonally across the board (rather than forward and backward or side to side) just as the company moves in different, dynamic directions.

Nanoracks' vision of commercializing space on a global scale is a reality for this innovative, resourceful, pioneering company that is defining how space is a place of business. With an increasing worldwide demand for enhanced communications and observation, along with a growing volume of experimentation in microgravity business, the Bishop Airlock provides the opportunity for increasing the size, number, and frequency for payloads to and deployment from the ISS.

downloads. Nanoracks' Operations Center, tied directly to NASA's Control Center, is the first private facility that has enabled clients, like elementary school children, to talk directly to astronauts.

For Nanoracks, the past has been remarkable, the present is riveting, and the future is wondrous. Nanoracks encapsulates humankind's need to explore, understand, and innovate. This company looks forward to making history with you. For more information about Nanoracks' Bishop Airlock, contact marketing@nanoracks.com. Check out Nanoracks' website at www.nanoracks.com and follow @Nanoracks on Twitter for the latest updates.

WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2019



Congratulations to the Webster Police Department Employee of the Month for November, Officer Sam Davis!

Sam was chosen because of his thorough investigation of a motor vehicle burglary case, in which he took the time to dust the interior of the vehicle for latent fingerprints. Sam was able to lift three good prints from the car, resulting in a “hit” or match through the Harris County fingerprint identification system.

As a result, the suspect was identified and charged. Although motor vehicle burglaries are the most common type of property crime and often go unsolved, Officer Davis is commended for taking the time to dust for prints, which led to suspect identification.

AS SEEN ON INSTAGRAM



The community celebrated the holidays at Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 14. The Space City Big Band performed, Santa stopped by, visitors enjoyed food from vendors, and the evening ended with a showing of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who came out! #WebsterTX

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KEEPING UP WITH THE WEBSTER EAGLES

Eagle watchers have been following along since October when the Webster Eagles returned for the sixth year in a row.

Since then, the Eagles have laid two eggs. Last year, the pair laid two eggs; however, the second egg never hatched.

It typically takes about 35 days for a Bald Eagle egg to hatch.

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



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JANUARY

COMING UP...

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY
Offices closed
- 07 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 10 SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center
- 14 WEBSTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall.
- 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Offices closed
- 21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 24 SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center

*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.

AARP TAX AIDE

FEBRUARY 1, 2020 - APRIL 15, 2020

Hours:
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.



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

