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HEALTH IN FOCUS

CITY OF WEBSTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Join us on Thursday, March 12, for the free Health and Wellness Fair at the Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

Annually, the City sponsors the event to provide the local community with opportunities to meet with healthcare vendors. Attendees can consult with the vendors, participate in screenings and exams, and gain awareness of new services, products, and technologies. (Continued on page 3)

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Spring CLEANING

MARCH 16-MARCH 20, 2020

Beginning Monday, March 16, the City will provide FREE curbside pick up of trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc. Pick up will continue through Friday, March 20.

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 on Saturday, March 14, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There will no longer be dumpsters in the neighborhoods. Bring your utility bill or driver's license to verify that you are a resident.

Debris for pick up on the curb should be out first thing on Monday morning, March 16.

CONCERT AT THE PARK

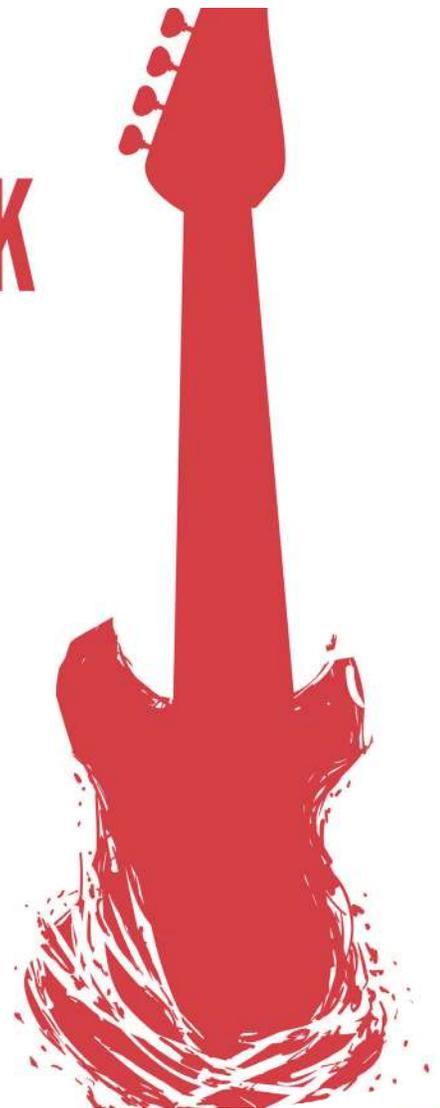
Featuring: The Fuse

Join us for the Concert at the Park on Friday, March 13, at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave.

The Fuse, an 80's and 90's cover band, will be performing beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be vendors for the community to enjoy during the concert. This will be the perfect way to end spring break with the kids.

Save the date: Friday, March 13, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave.



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The 2020 Health and Wellness Fair is an opportune time to visit with experts from many fields - such as fitness, dentistry, sleep medicine, chiropractic, social services, assisted living, and much more.

The event will take place from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

For more information, contact Human Resources Coordinator Brandi Molina at 281.316.4145.



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.

WELCOME TO Webster NEW RESTAURANTS IN WEBSTER

HTeaO, 481 Bay Area Blvd.

HTeaO is now open and has over 22 regular flavors of tea with two additional seasonal flavors. The Texas-owned company allows customers to purchase tea in regular sizes small to large, as well as by the quart, half-gallon, gallon, and five-gallon.

Pho Barr, 803 E. NASA Pkwy.

Pho Barr is a family-owned and operated restaurant that is now open! The restaurant serves pho and other traditional Vietnamese dishes. They also offer tapioca with a variety of unique drinks.

Over/Under Sports Bar and Grill, 1416 NASA Pkwy.

Over/Under Sports Bar and Grill recently opened inside Odyssey Business Park. There are 20 beers on tap, and 30 different options in cans or bottles, as well as a full assortment of liquor for various cocktails. The menu features items such as burgers, wings, tacos, and salads; fried foods like fish, shrimp, pickles, and mushrooms; and desserts anywhere from ice cream to funnel cake fries.



**WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
JANUARY 2020**



Congratulations to the January 2020 Employee of the Month, Officer Willis Corbin! Officer Corbin was selected for his actions on the night of January 28 on a call involving a juvenile suicide victim. Officer Corbin conducted an extensive search of a dark, wet, and foggy field, covered with mud and difficult terrain. Officer Corbin eventually located the victim and began immediate life-saving measures while also directing in additional police and fire assets. Unfortunately, despite coordinated efforts to save the young victim's life, he never recovered. Officer Corbin's actions on this night were also highlighted in a commendation from the Webster Fire Department. Thank you, Willis, you are an incredible asset to this department and the community.

Congratulations also go out to Officer Brenda Cox and Officer Kyle Hattaway, who were both nominated for outstanding efforts in catching multiple suspects involved in burglaries, robberies, and stolen vehicles. Thank you all for being such amazing officers!

2020 ELECTION INFO

SATURDAY, MAY 2

The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on **May 2, 2020**. Residents must register to vote by April 2, 2020. Mayor and Council Position 6 will be on the May ballot.

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.



WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS



*Not pictured: Kevin Dozier was promoted to assistant fire marshal.

Keith Boldroff received his firefighter helmet shield.

Ryan McMahon received his firefighter helmet shield.



Zachary Thorpe was promoted to driver-operator.

Jason Crockom was promoted to driver-operator.

Zachery Hon was promoted to driver-operator.



Jeremy Falcone was promoted to lieutenant.

Shane Martin was promoted to shift commander.

Warren Chappell was promoted to fire marshal.



Dr. Franklin Chang Díaz and Mayor Donna Rogers discuss the next milestones for the famous VASIMR® rocket engine that has already set new records.



POWERFUL PLASMA PROPULSION – THE FUTURE OF SPACE FLIGHT

Featured in Bay Area Houston Magazine

Ad Astra Rocket Company's High Power Electric Rocket Sets New Milestones

FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS, Webster has been home to one of the world's most innovative aerospace firms – Ad Astra Rocket Company. Dr. Franklin Chang Díaz, inventor of the VASIMR® engine (Variable Specific Impulse Magneto-plasma Rocket), founded Ad Astra Rocket Company in 2005, after serving for more than 25 years as a NASA astronaut. Chang Díaz, a veteran of seven Space Shuttle Missions, credits his tenure as an astronaut and work at MIT in the late 1970s to developing the future of space flight – a high power electric rocket with plasma propulsion system.

Chang Díaz and his team have persevered in their development of the VASIMR® – a high power electric rocket engine, despite being labeled “radical” and despite having to continuously raise private funding to maintain the pace of development for the technology. The in-space transportation market that requires fast human transport, lunar resupply logistics, orbital debris removal, satellite refueling, servicing, and repositioning, and rapid robotic deep



The engine firing within the bus-sized vacuum chamber at Ad Astra Rocket Company, located at 141 W Bay Area Boulevard, exhibits a blueish light from an argon plasma plume that's as hot as the sun.

space operations is the perfect niche for Ad Astra Rocket Company's invention.

Whereas chemical rockets require massive amounts of propellant that constitute most of a ship's mass, Ad Astra's VASIMR® rocket engine requires 1/10 of the propellant. The engine operates on electricity – from solar arrays or panels – that heat and accelerate a plasma – a superheated gas at millions of degrees. The rocket structure is insulated from the hot plasma by magnetic fields that also direct the plasma as it is ejected from the engine – creating thrust for the spacecraft. The VASIMR® is ten times more fuel efficient than chemical rockets, which means more payload

per flight and reusable components. Also, in the future, when nuclear power is available in space, the VASIMR® engine could propel humans on shorter transits to Mars and beyond.

The VASIMR® has been undergoing rigorous testing since its inception and has passed with flying colors. Through a decade of research, Ad Astra Rocket Company has carried out this development without government funding, with more than \$36M in private investment, and has brought the engine from a technology readiness level (TRL) of 2 to nearly 5. In 2015, a \$9M NASA partnership contract was awarded to help complete the TRL-5 activities.

Ad Astra Rocket Company has successfully completed on budget and on schedule more than 30 milestones in fulfillment of this contract. However, there are three milestones remaining: first, a demonstration in vacuum of the VASIMR's® new power processing unit (PPU), an advanced radiofrequency power source built for Ad Astra by Aethera Technologies Limited of Canada with partial support from the Canadian Space Agency; second, a five-to-six hour continuous firing of the VX-200SS, the VASIMR® engine test article operating at 100 kilowatts; and third, a long duration (100 hour) continuous firing of the VX-200SS at 100 kilowatts.

Ad Astra expects to complete these milestones before the end of the NASA contract in June 2020. Then, Ad Astra expects to “graduate” to TRL-6 and obtain additional contracts that will help the company finish the design, construction, and testing of its first space flight prototype, called the TC-1Q. Once proven in space, the VASIMR® engine will officially enter the commercial sector and begin to revolutionize space transportation and space logistics – the way people, services, and supplies move in space.

AS SEEN ON FACEBOOK



High school student Peter Martin visited the Webster Fire Department recently for his mentor project. He joined the firefighters on calls, helped with chores, and got to try on the gear. #WebsterFD

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SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERING AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Administrative Coordinator Heather Cherry for receiving the Spirit of Volunteering Award from Bay Area Turning Point!

The Spirit of Volunteering Award is given to partners and volunteers in the community who help to provide support to Bay Area Turning Point. The City of Webster and Heather Cherry were recognized on Wednesday for their partnership. Heather assists in coordinating some of their events at the Civic Center.

Customer Service is paramount in our City, and Heather Cherry has done an exceptional job assisting Bay Area Turning Point in their mission of "peace, every woman, every child, every man, every day."

"It was an unexpected honor to be recognized," said Heather. "I am elated that the City has partnered with this wonderful group that provides a vital need in our community and that I am able to be a part of it."



TEXAS AVENUE SPLASH PAD REOPENS EARLY APRIL

THE SPLASH PAD IS LOCATED AT 17100 TEXAS AVE. AND REMAINS OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1.

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MARCH

COMING UP...

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 03 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall

- 10 WEBSTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall.

- 12 HEALTH FAIR
1 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Civic Center

- 13 SENIOR GAME NIGHT
6 p.m. at the Recreation Center

- CONCERT AT THE PARK
7 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park

- 16 WEBSTER CLEAN UP WEEK
BEGINS

- 17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*
6 p.m. at City Hall

- 20 WEBSTER CLEAN UP WEEK
ENDS

- 27 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.

