WebsterWay
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FRIENDS DON'T MAKE FRIENDS WAIT IN HOT CARS

KEEP YOUR FURRY FRIENDS SAFE. LEAVE THEM AT HOME.

A recent amendment to the Code of Ordinances makes it unlawful to leave an animal in a vehicle unattended. Any person who violates the ordinance will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined up to $500.

The new ordinance allows a peace officer or animal control officer to remove an animal from an unattended vehicle after attempting to locate the owner. (*Continued on page 3)*

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281.332.1826

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

Fire (Non-emergency)
281.332.2711

Police (Non-Emergency)
281.332.2426

Public Works
281.316.3700

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

RECYCLING IN WEBSTER

PAPER PRODUCTS

Newspapers
Envelopes
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Frozen Food Boxes
Cardboard Boxes

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Batteries
Clothing
Plastic Bags
Glass Windows

For more information visit the Republic Services website, republicservices.com or call 713.948.7600.

AS SEEN ON FACEBOOK

Fluid Service Technologies helped to stop the spread at the Webster Police Department. The Houston company performed its sanitizing procedures throughout the entire building.

Friends Don't Make Friends Wait In Hot Cars continued...

They may break a window or lock, or utilize professional services to access the animal. The animal will then be taken for safekeeping, and a notification will be left on the vehicle. Owners will be responsible for any property damage. The owner may claim the animal after payment for care, and impoundment charges are collected.

Webster Animal Control and the Webster Police Department receive about four calls a month concerning animals left in vehicles.

Previously, the only course of action would be to file an animal cruelty charge, which would have to be accepted by the Harris County District Attorney's Office. To get the charge approved, the conditions would have to have been harsh. The officers would need to provide exact facts, such as outside temperature, inside temperature, and general animal conditions. The process could then take several months to go to court.

Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover explained that the situations typically do not involve owners with malicious intent, but happen more so from a lack of education.

"A felony charge is overkill if we caught the situation early enough," ACO Trover explained.

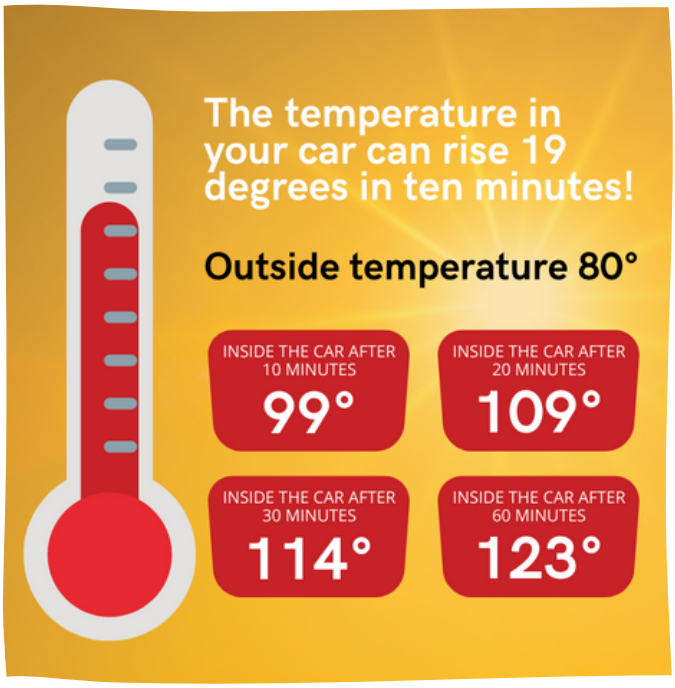
Animal Control and the Police Department agree that the fastest route is to find the owner and gain voluntary compliance to prevent future problems.

Remember that every ten minutes, the inside of a car goes up 19 degrees, which can be very dangerous for a dog even if the windows are left open.

We advise the community to leave pets at home, and if you see an animal in danger, walk away from the vehicle before calling for help.

Often, the dog will bark when a person is close by, which can make the situation more dangerous. Once you are far enough away, call Webster Animal Control at 281.316.3700 or Webster Police Department at 281.332.2426.

If you see an animal in danger, walk away from the vehicle before calling for help.



ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

Officer Ron Bellnoski rescued the dog pictured in the parking lot of Mint Poker.

When Officer Bellnoski arrived, he immediately recognized that the animal was in severe distress and took action to remove it from the vehicle.

During the investigation, he discovered that the internal temperature of the car was a blistering 109 degrees.

Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover was able to seize the animal and permanently remove him from the owner, and he was placed into custody for cruel confinement.

MOM ALONE MEXICAN GRILL

FAMILY OWNED; MOM INSPIRED

It is a challenging time for business owners as they adjust processes to comply with COVID-19 regulations. However, the Mom Alone Mexican Grill owners are determined to continue serving the community in the safest way possible.

Mom Alone Mexican Grill was opened in 2005 by Dinorah and Cesar Davila, who have been in the restaurant business for nearly 40 years.

"In 2005, we finally decided it was time to fulfill our dream of becoming restaurant owners, and what better honor than to dedicate it to mothers," Cesar explained. "The restaurant's slogan is, 'Don't leave your mom at home alone, bring her to eat at Mom Alone.'"

Many of the restaurants recipes come from the family's Mexican tradition originating in northern Mexico.

"I believe the best and most popular dishes would have to be our tender fajitas, the fabulous Chile Relleno, a Mexican tradition, and our huge cheesy quesadillas," said Cesar.

The restaurant is also offering to-go margaritas by the gallon, which Cesar highly recommends.

"The community should give Mom Alone Mexican Grill a try because it is one of the local family-owned restaurants that makes you feel at home while also offering the highest quality along with the best prices," he said. "Also, we give free queso to our dine-in customers. Who doesn't love queso?"

Currently, the family-owned restaurant is offering carryout and dine-in with limited occupancy. The community can call ahead and order at 281.480.3170, or come in to place an order.

"We would like to thank everyone for the continued support over the last 15 years, and throughout these difficult times," Cesar said. "Without our amazing customers, we wouldn't be here. We look forward to serving the area for many years to come."

Mom Alone Mexican Grill
1111 E NASA Pkwy, Webster, TX 77598

To suggest a local business to be featured in the next edition of Webster Way Newsletter, send an email to kstamy@cityofwebster.com

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Clear Creek ISD and the Webster After School Program

SAFELY REOPEN CCISD

Find more information at CCISD.net/Reopen

According to the Clear Creek Independent School District's Safely Reopen plan, the district will hold in-school instruction with safety and COVID-19 prevention measures in place as well as offer families a high-quality, rigorous and engaging online experience through the newly-developed Clear Connections program.

Additionally, the school district has outlined an instructional model that provides a continuation of instruction in the event a classroom or a campus must temporarily move to a School-to-Home instruction model due to COVID-19.

Clear Connections Online Learning Program is an option for families who, even with all the preventative measures in place, do not feel comfortable sending their children to school, especially children who are medically fragile.

Clear Connections is delivered entirely virtually with CCISD teachers providing real-time and self-paced instruction. This option is offered for grades K-12.

The week of August 24, all students will begin instruction in the School-to-Home learning model. The week of August 31, the school district will welcome pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th-grade students who have selected the Brick and Mortar learning. Then, the week of September 8, all students who have elected for Brick and Mortar learning will return to school with safety measures, including wearing a face mask.

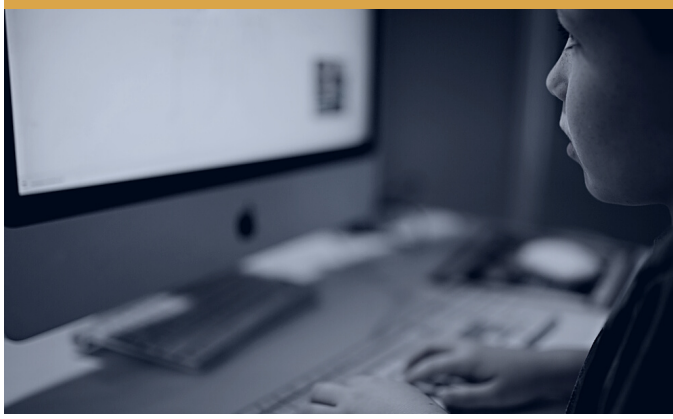
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Webster residents and non-residents can take advantage of the City's after school program at the Webster Recreation Center.

The FREE program gives children from third to fifth grade the opportunity to both learn and play. Students can access computers, have the ability to work on homework or participate in interactive activities. The City also provides a boxed meal for children in the program.

Students are encouraged and lead to success by City staff Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Parents can register for the program on the first day of school, September 8, during the After School Program hours at the Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH

JUNE 2020

Congratulations to the June Employee of the Month, Corporal Ryan Sprinkle!

Corporal Sprinkle was nominated by two of his coworkers after arresting a purse snatching suspect on Saturday, June 20.

In this incident, a suspect stole a purse from a female shopper in the parking lot of a retail store located along the IH-45 Freeway.

Officer Michael Foran was staged in the parking lot when the victim ran up to him, advising him that a suspect had stolen her purse and fled in a black truck. Corporal Sprinkle was also in the area and heard the crime broadcast with the vehicle description. Soon after, he observed a black truck driving recklessly while trying to flee the area. Corporal Sprinkle attempted to make a traffic stop, but the truck fled and led him on a short pursuit before driving into an apartment complex where the suspect bailed out on foot.

Corporal Sprinkle, alone and without backup, chased the suspect through the complex and caught him, even after losing one of his shoes during the chase.

Corporal Sprinkle showed high awareness and great determination during this incident and is commended for his courage.

This incident also highlights great teamwork by Officer Foran, who was also recognized with an On-the-Spot Award. Great work gentlemen. The City of Webster is fortunate to have such outstanding officers serving and protecting every day!

Webster Police: In the Right Place at the Right Time

On Tuesday, July 21, Webster Police plainclothes officers conducted surveillance in the parking lot of a retail shopping center along the IH-45 Freeway.

The officers observed as a suspect broke into and stole a truck. Officers stopped the stolen truck and the vehicle that dropped the suspect off and detained two suspects.

The ensuing investigation showed that the suspects had committed multiple vehicle burglaries at locations in League City and Webster. Officers recovered a large amount of stolen property, which included three firearms. Officers were able to locate the rightful owners and return the stolen truck and firearms.

This is an example of excellent police work, but it also serves as a reminder to gun owners to never leave unsecured firearms in vehicles. Theft from vehicles is the most common way for firearms to end up in the hands of criminals.

We all have a responsibility to take, hide, or properly secure valuables in our vehicles. We ask for your help in reducing motor vehicle burglaries.

DENISE THOMASON RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

Denise Thomason has been a Telecommunications Officer for the City of Webster for 28 years, and on July 21, she officially retired.

Her Telecommunications career began 31 years ago at the Seabrook Police Department.

In 1990, while attending the Texas State 9-1-1 Awards ceremony in Austin, Denise met a Webster Telecommunications Officer who encouraged her to apply for a job in Webster when there was an opening. Denise was then hired in January 1992.

During her career, Denise implemented a training program for the Communications Division and coordinated the Citizens Police Academies and supported the Alumni Association.

"In law enforcement, you tend to deal with the “not so nice” individuals," Denise explained. "Working with the Citizen Police Academy was just the opposite. You meet the very best of your citizens who truly appreciate law enforcement and want to support their officers. I thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of people."

"It goes without saying that the thing I will miss most about this job is the people I work with," Denise continued. "But I am very much looking forward to catching up with friends and family."

We thank Denise for her many years of service to the Webster community, and we wish her the best in retirement!

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

AUGUST 2020

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

4 City Council Meeting
*6 p.m. in Council Chambers**

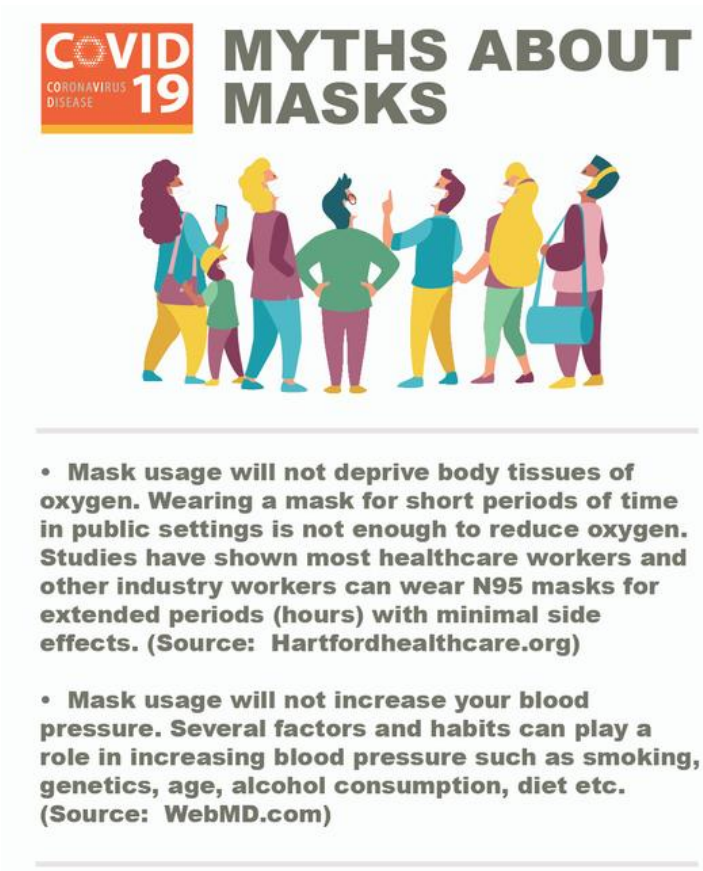
7 Movie in the Park CANCELED
The previously scheduled Movie in the Park has been canceled due to COVID-19

11 Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
*6 p.m. in Council Chambers**

18 City Council Meeting
*6 p.m. in Council Chambers**

First Day of School
Register for the Webster After School Program

**Meetings may be held via teleconference. Check the City website for more information. 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.*

LABOR DAY HOURS

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Offices reopen on Tuesday, September 8.