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Monthly Newsletter *January 2021*

PET HEALTH SAFETY DRIVE THRU

Saturday, January 9 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Webster Humane Services will be hosting its annual Pet Health Safety Day, but this year it will look a little different. The drive-thru event will take place on Saturday, January 9 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Webster Animal Shelter, 855 Magnolia Ave.

Pet owners can stop by to microchip and register their furry friends for free. Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP, and FVRCP vaccinations will be available for $10 each. Heartworm tests will be $20. The event is open to the public, and we ask the pets arrive in crates or on leashes.

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Mayor

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Andrea Wilson
Council Member Position 2

Larry Tosto
Council Member Position 3

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Council Member Position 4

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Council Member Position 5

Martin Graves
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member Position 6

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EMERGENCY
9-1-1

Fire (Non-emergency)
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281.332.2426

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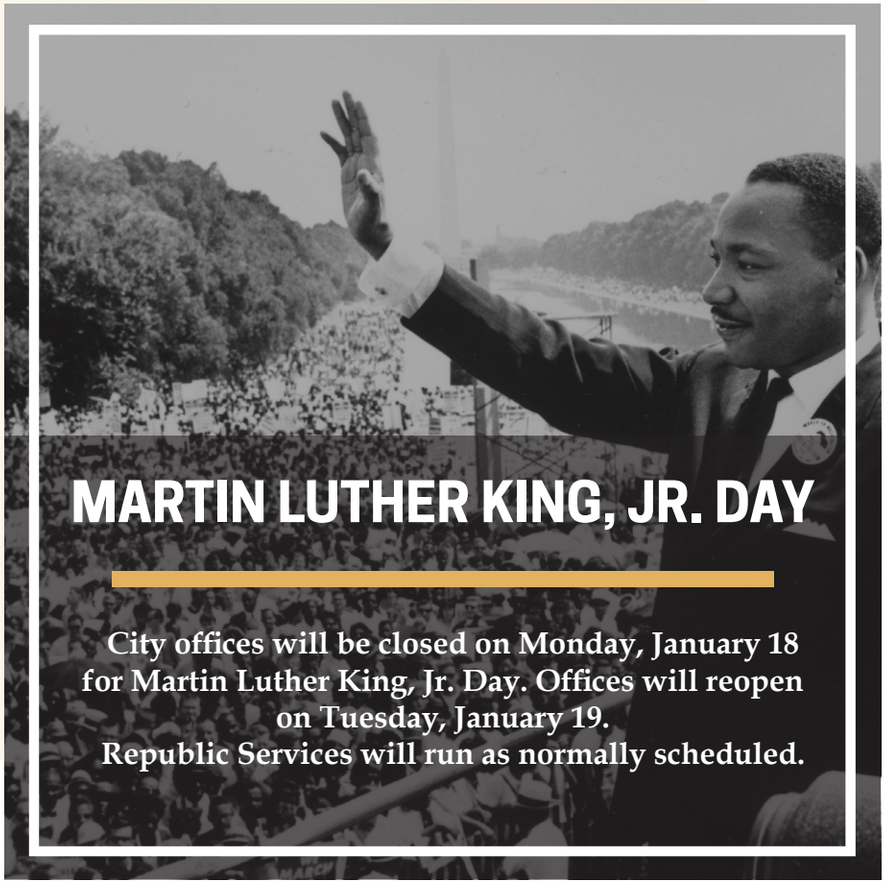
CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 19.
Republic Services will run as normally scheduled.

2021 SPECIAL ELECTION

January Special Election Canceled

On November 17, a special municipal election was called for the purpose of electing a mayor. On December 15, a resolution was approved by Webster City Council, declaring an unopposed candidate in the January 19 special election.

Mayor Donna Rogers was re-elected to office, and the special election was canceled. She has over 25 years of civic service experience and has done an excellent job leading the City of Webster as Mayor since 2014.

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for Webster with Mayor Donna Rogers at the helm.

WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

December was a busy month for the Webster Police Department! Four employees celebrated promotions within the department.

Jeremy Edge has served the City for more than 11 years and was promoted to Assistant Police Chief.

Selwyn Thomas has served the City for more than 11 years and was promoted to Sergeant.

Juan Quintana has served the City for more than 16 years and was promoted to Corporal.

Deborah Cooley has served the City for more than 24 years and was promoted to Lead Telecommunications Officer.

This is an exciting time for the Webster Police Department, and another round of promotions will take place in January. We look forward to seeing the employees thrive in their new positions.

Assistant Police Chief Jeremy Edge

Sergeant Selwyn Thomas

Corporal Juan Quintana

Lead Telecommunications Officer Deborah Cooley

SERGEANT RUSTY LOVEL RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS

After 24 years and six months of serving the City of Webster citizens, Sergeant James "Rusty" Lovel retired on November 30, 2020.

"I retired in Webster and accepted the position as Police Captain with the City of Manvel," Rusty explained. "This is a great opportunity for me to continue to learn and grow in a new chapter of my life."

Rusty was in the United States Marine Corps from 1991 until 1995, working overseas as an embassy guard and earning Sergeant's rank. When he got out of the Marines, he got married and came home and started a family.

He then attended the Police Academy at Alvin Community College before accepting a position as a patrol officer in the City of Webster.

Rusty has worked as the Crime Scene Detective and Evidence Custodian and was promoted to Sergeant in 2006.

Rusty also earned his Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University while working full-time.

"My greatest accomplishment was being able to attend and graduate from the 238th session of the FBI National Academy in September of 2009," Rusty recalled. "I have friends in law enforcement all over the United States now from this opportunity. In addition, I currently serve on the Region Two Texas FBI NA Board as the Houston Area Representative."

When looking back on his impressive career in Webster, one of Rusty's most notable cases was when he was called to an aggravated kidnapping case, where he assisted the victim. The suspect turned out to be a serial killer, and he received 60 years in prison.

"I am so proud to say that I served an awesome community and worked with some outstanding co-workers," he said. "I am very excited about Webster's continued growth."

"I will never forget all the great times I had with the Webster Police Department, and I wish you all the best in the future."

THREE WEBSTER RESIDENTS CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAYS

The Brookdale Clear Lake Senior Living Community celebrated three centennial birthdays in December.

Mayor Donna Rogers visited with the three women who have turned 100 in the past year.

Molly Warner, who's birthday is on January 3, is the oldest living female WWII veteran. Emma Belle Gay turned 100 on Thursday, December 3, and Polly McCain turned 100 on November 21.

We are proud to have these exceptional women in the community.

MEET THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHN WARNEMENT

On October 20, John Warnement was appointed the Director of Public Works by Webster City Council. This was a deserved promotion for John, who has worked for the City of Webster since February of 1997.

John Warnement's life in Webster began when his family moved here when he was just a year old.

"This area is home to me," he explained. "When I went to preschool, it was at McWhirter Elementary, and when I played little league football, Webster Intermediate was my home field."

In 1997, John was hired as the City's Recreation Coordinator. At the time, he was also working part-time for Clear Creek ISD, where he coached intermediate sports at Webster and Victory Lakes Intermediate Schools. The positions required him to forge meaningful relationships with community members.

After ten years in recreation, John made a move to Public Works.He served as Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance until 2009, when he became the Assistant Director after the department went through a restructure.

Although employees in the Public Works Department work behind the scenes, quietly ensuring that utilities, infrastructure, and special events meet the community's needs, John still managed to maintain and forge new relationships with community members.

"I am most proud of the Public Works outreach program at Clear View High School," John explained. "From this program, we have nurtured an interest in Public Works and been able to offer internships to high school students."

"I have been particularly gratified to witness not only the growth of the youth while they are here but also the pride our men and women take in sharing their work and knowledge with the interns."

John operating a mini-excavator at Walnut park on February 3, 2009

John also takes a lot of pride in seeing projects come to fruition, especially those that involve the public. An excellent example of this was the planning, design, and construction of the Texas Avenue Park Splash Pad. He enjoyed the process of this project, as well as the satisfaction of seeing the splash pad being used by people of all ages.

John has had his hand in many projects within the City, and he looks forward to leading staff as Public Works Director.

"I look forward to developing a positive environment that fosters professional growth for all of our employees," he added. "My legacy will be the employees who we develop; that they too become superintendents, assistant directors, and directors; that they realize the importance of the public service they provide; and that they are driven to do so at their highest capacity."

John has spent the last 24 years serving the City of Webster and even received his Master's degree in Management from West Texas A&M University in 2016 while working full-time. He thanks the City for the opportunity to continue to learn and grow, and his wife for her support throughout his entire career.

"When I was hired on in February 1997, I never would have imagined this possibility," he recalled.

"Hard work, the willingness to learn something new, and dedication to the citizens of Webster brought me to this moment in my career."

The Webster residents and the Public Works employees are very important to John Warnement, and this is a quality that will not go unnoticed as he steps into the role of Public Works Director. He will serve as an excellent leader in the community.

WELCOME TO WEBSTER *New Businesses*

DIMASSI'S MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET-19443 GULF FWY. Family-owned Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet opened in December. The casual-concept restaurant features authentic, delicious, and healthy Halal and Mediterranean cuisine. Webster represents the 20th location for the highly successful, growing corporation.

EGGCELLENCE CAFÉ & BAKERY - 20971 GULF FWY. The new breakfast and brunch restaurant, headquartered in Bellaire, TX and founded in January 2019, has plans to open this 8th location soon! Guests can choose among various breakfast items such as waffles, french toast, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, omelets, breakfast sandwiches, and more.

GYRO KING - 528 W. BAY AREA BLVD. Gyro King opened in November, bringing the look and taste of New York to Webster. The restaurant began as a pushcart on the streets of New York City in 1991.

The menu features fresh, made-to-order items, such as gyros, meat and rice platters, salads, desserts, and more. To promote healthy living, the restaurant also offers premium, fresh-squeezed fruit and vegetable juices.

MISTER CAR WASH - 1380 FM 528 The self-service car wash is now open in Webster, offering state-of-the-art products to get every car exceptionally clean, every time. For the regular washers, Mister Car Wash offers an Unlimited Wash Club where members can pay a monthly fee and experience contact-less fast and convenient car washes at any Mister Car Wash locations across the nation.

M SPA FACE & BODY - 1400 W. NASA PWKY. M Spa Face & Body is now open inside Odyssey Park. Clients can schedule an appointment at the premier medical spa for a complimentary consultation for a variety of services, including injectable wrinkle erasers, injectable fillers, lasers, hair rejuvenation, coolsculpting, and much more. Clients can also choose from over 20 medical-grade products sold by M Spa to customize at-home skin care routines.

Christmas Yard Decorating Winners

FIRST PLACE

WEST: 403 Travis St.
EAST: 609 West Fork

SECOND PLACE

WEST: 402 Greene St.
EAST: 636 Kickapoo Ct.

THIRD PLACE

WEST: 218 Henrietta St.
EAST: 667 East Fork

HONORABLE MENTION

WEST: 316 Linda Ln.
EAST: 18207 Kings Row

WEST 1ST

EAST 1ST

WEST 2ND

EAST 2ND

WEST 3RD

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JANUARY

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

01 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
City offices closed

05 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall

09 **PET HEALTH SAFETY DRIVE THRU**
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 855 Magnolia Ave.

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

18 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
City offices closed

19 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall

*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.

Republic Services Christmas Tree Removal

Republic Services will be picking up Christmas Trees in the first two weeks of January. Please remove all tree bags, ornaments, tinsel, and stands, and cut all trees taller than six feet in half. Trees will be collected on regularly scheduled collection days.

Republic Services asks that residents make every effort to put out trees on the second collection day (Thursday) each week during that period. The first collection day (Monday) is usually much heavier during that time.