

WebsterWay

Monthly Newsletter June 2021



4th OF JULY
CELEBRATION

Join us for the Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 4 beginning at 5 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Ave.!

There will be inflatables, a petting zoo, and a splash pad for the kids. Families can enjoy children activities, food vendors, and helicopter visits.

A Salute to Veterans program will take place around 8 p.m. when U.S. veterans and servicemen and women are invited on stage to be acknowledged and given a token of appreciation from the City.

Following the anthem are the riveting fireworks brought to you by the Webster Fire Department.

This event is going to be bigger and better than ever. Visit the City Facebook page for updates and the schedule of events as we get closer to the day.

CITY COUNCIL

Donna Rogers
Mayor

Jennifer Heidt
Council Member Position 1

Bill W. Jones
Council Member Position 2

Larry Tosto
Council Member Position 3

Beverly Gaines
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member Position 4

Edward Lapeyre
Council Member Position 5

Martin Graves
Council Member Position 6

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT



CONCERT IN THE PARK

THE FUSE HOUSTON
FRIDAY, JUNE 4 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT TEXAS AVENUE PARK
17100 TEXAS AVE.



Join us for the Concert in the Park on Friday, June 4 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 kick off summer with your kids.

SPLASH PAD NOW OPEN



17100 TEXAS AVENUE

MAY 1, 2021

ELECTION RESULTS

Council Member Positions 1 and 2

A total of 254 Webster residents voted in the 2021 General Election, which had two council positions on the ballot.

Jennifer Heidt ran against Chris Vaughan for Council Member Position 1, and Jennifer Heidt was the victor. Bill Jones, Council Member Position 2, ran unopposed and was elected for a three-year term.

At the May 11 council meeting, Beverly Gaines was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, Heidt and Jones were installed by Mayor Donna Rogers.

For more information on the 2021 election results, visit cityofwebster.com.



MEET JENNIFER HEIDT

Introducing Council Member Position 1

Jennifer Heidt and her husband of 35 years first moved to Webster in 2011 after her parents had resided in Webster for over 15 years.

She was then introduced to city government by her neighbor and former council member Natalie Dolan. However, it was not until 2015 that she decided to seek office and

was elected to serve a three-year term. She was re-elected in May 2018 for a three-year term, and most recently, she was re-elected on May 1, 2021, for another three-year term.

She is a proud mother to TJ and Matthew and a proud grandmother to her grandson Derek and granddaughter Rachel.



MEET BILL JONES

Introducing Council Member Position 2

Bill Jones has been a Webster resident since 2004, and his affinity for the City and its residents is apparent.

It began when Bill's mother moved to Webster, and he began taking her to the City's senior events. He got to know former Mayor Floyd Myers and soon found himself running for a position on Council. He was

elected and served as Council Member Position 6 in 2011 to serve a three-year term, and most recently, he was re-elected on May 1, 2021, for another three-year term. He has served on the Webster Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board; and served on the 2015 Charter Review Commission.





MEET DENA MAHAN

Emergency Management Specialist

When choosing a major in college, Dena Mahan had a goal of serving and helping people. She first ventured into nursing, but when she learned about Emergency Management from a friend, her entire path changed.

"I had never heard of emergency management," Dena recalled. "I was like, 'so you get to help people recover from something they didn't want to happen in the first place?' That was why I was going into medicine."

Upon graduating from the University of North Texas with a degree in Emergency Management in December 2000, Dena joined Americorps and worked for the National Response Corps in Baton Rouge for the American Red Cross.

Shortly after getting her career started, the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, took place, and the need for emergency management surged. So, Dena headed to New York for her very first disaster.

Dena worked in New York for a year, with a focus on family services. She made sure that those who lost their apartments had rental assistance; she made countless mental health referrals, helped with financial assistance, and helping those who lost work or income from the disaster.

"It was a whole other side of disaster, unlike the loss of life and response," she explained. "It was a whole other aspect that no one thinks about."

After assisting in New York for nearly a year, Dena was a disaster junkie. She was excited about her new career and looked forward to helping other communities in need.

Since then, she has worked for the State of Texas doing recovery work from Tropical Storm Allison; she also worked for FEMA and traveled around the United States to assist in disaster recovery. She had been traveling and was living in hotel rooms for almost three years when she decided to move back to Texas to be with her fiancé at the time.

That is when Dena began working for city governments. She used her vast knowledge from various emergencies and natural disasters to help local governments and has done so locally for the past 11 years.

On November 30, 2020, Dena started her job with the City of Webster as the Emergency Management Specialist. In this position, she has hit the ground running, creating emergency plans, mitigation planning, public outreach for emergency preparedness, and more.

Since the beginning, she has written policy, assisted with the February freeze, and built relationships with businesses in the area.

"A lot of Emergency Management is just relationship building with the people and the businesses, and the vulnerable populations," Dena explained. "I need to be able to know who to call and who we need to talk to in an emergency. You don't want to be meeting people and exchanging business cards in the middle of an incident."

Dena wants the community to know that she is a resident here too, and the tips that she gives regarding emergency planning and hurricane preparedness are things that she does in her own home.

"My job is thinking about and planning for things we hope never happen," she said. "The things that no one else is thinking about, I am working on."

ARE YOU READY, WEBSTER?

Hurricane Season is just around the corner. Here's what you can do to be prepared and stay informed.

WEBSTER EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Check out readywebster.com, Webster's emergency preparedness website. It's got all the information you need to prepare your home and family for hurricanes and other hazards that can impact our area.
- Storm-related information will be available on the City of Webster's website, www.cityofwebster.com, and Webster's Facebook page.
- Sign up for Swift911, Webster's emergency and public outreach notification system. Swift911 can send informational and emergency messages by phone, email, and text. There is a link to sign up on the home page of the City of Webster's website.
- Residents with disabilities, the critically ill, people without vehicles, or those who require medical support during an emergency should register for assistance with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) by calling 211 or visiting tdem.texas.gov/stear.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

- Hurricane hazards come in many forms – storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. It is important that your family's plan addresses all of them.

EVACUATE

- Evacuation is always encouraged, especially for residents with disabilities and other access and functional needs.
- Determine where you will go if Webster officials call for an evacuation. Be sure to include your pets in the plan.
- Plan to stay where you are for about a week while essential services are restored.
- If you cannot evacuate, be prepared to live without power and water for a week – no matter the size of the storm.

GET THE INSURANCE YOU NEED

- There are separate policies for homeowners, windstorm, and flood insurances. Rental insurance, including flood, is available as well. Discuss your individual needs with your agent.
- Remember – it typically takes 30 days for insurance policies to be activated, so don't wait!

For more information, visit readywebster.com or email OEM@cityofwebster.com

Prepare Your Home



JUMPING INTO FUN



Child-Focused Development Is Making A Splash In Webster

What was once an empty, forgotten home improvement store has been completely reinvented and infused with excitement.

It started in 2019 when Houston natives Kevin Coffman and Ryan Moon banded together to open their second franchise location of Urban Air Adventure Park. Urban Air took over 65,000 square feet of space within the former Home Depot facility, located at 20251 Gulf Fwy, in Webster.

As owners of the development, the duo aimed to create a child-focused center. They recruited D-BAT Baseball and Softball Academy to take over an additional 26,000 square foot space within the facility.

Coffman and Moon's latest endeavor was becoming franchisees for the world-class Goldfish Swim School, complementing the existing action-packed businesses, and completing the facility.

URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK



Partner/Urban Air Adventure Park General Manager Ryan Moon and Partner Kevin Coffman.

Urban Air was originally founded in Southlake, Texas in 2011, and is now a global franchise with over 300 locations.

Open seven days a week, Urban Air's Webster location is more than a trampoline park. The park is home to many adventure attractions that would interest both children and adults.

There are dodgeball courses, ropes courses, and even a Sky Rider Indoor Coaster. A two-story go-kart track also sits within the space.

The indoor recreation and entertainment venue provides year-round fun and is ideal for birthday parties, corporate events,

team building, and field trips, as well as frequent family trips. There are 12 party rooms, and the facility is equipped to handle at least 100 parties per weekend.

D-BAT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ACADEMY

D-BAT Baseball and Softball Academy opened its doors in Webster in January of 2020. Founded in 1998, D-BAT began franchising in 2009 and now has 88 locations nationwide.

In Webster, there are 17 cages with six dedicated proprietary machines capable of throwing baseballs and softballs with different pitch types and at various speeds so players can practice a variety of swings.

D-BAT is a one-stop-shop with a retail pro shop, strength and conditioning facilities, and instruction to promote a well-rounded athlete.

Parents are offered a comfortable viewing area with a large screen TV and windows on three walls to observe their young athletes no matter where they may be in the facility.

D-BAT's primary goal is to provide a quality teaching environment with professional instruction to enhance the baseball and softball experience for players at all levels and help them reach their goals.

GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL

Seeking to grow and diversify their premier child enrichment portfolio, Coffman and Moon invested with the learn to swim franchise, Goldfish Swim School.

"The pandemic forced us to realize the tremendous value in having a robust portfolio to allow for balance and stability during times of uncertainty," said Coffman. "As we looked to our future, we knew now was an opportune time to invest and be aggressive with our growth plans. Families will always prioritize the wants and needs of their children. With Goldfish, we know the importance of water safety and drowning prevention isn't going anywhere - we're able to provide children a lifesaving skill with the number one brand in the space."

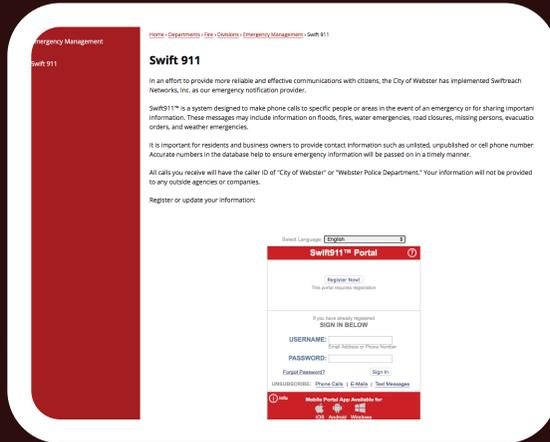
Goldfish Swim School currently has more than 150 locations open and 137 in development across 30 states.

The Webster location is anticipated to fill the remaining 10,000 square feet of the former Home Depot. The school caters to children between the ages of 4 months and 12 years. There will be a fully enclosed, in-ground heated pool. Surrounding the pool's enclosure, friends and family members can watch students in comfort. The school will offer private lessons, group lessons, memberships, open swim, and birthday parties.

Goldfish Swim School is the final puzzle piece for the development. The vibrant and family-oriented lineup will be an irresistible resource for the community.



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE! REGISTER FOR SWIFT 911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS IN 1 OF 3 WAYS:



Register by visiting
www.cityofwebster.com/1182/Swift-911.

Download the Swift911 App by texting "Swift911" to 995-38. You will receive a response with a link to get the app.

Download the free mobile app on any smartphone app store.



CITY OF WEBSTER CODE ENFORCEMENT

Meet the faces of Webster Code Enforcement. The City of Webster Code Enforcement seeks to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods continuously.

The objective is to provide the citizens in the City with educational information on the different types of code violations that lead to unhealthy and unsafe neighborhoods. By providing educational information, this will lead to the reduction of garbage, junk motor vehicles, overgrown lots, broken fences, stagnant water, and dangerous buildings.

Code Enforcement Officer Rolanda Ivy has been with the City since February 2016, and Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Trotter joined the team in January 2021.

For more information concerning neighborhood code violations, visit the cityofwebster.com.

You may submit code violations to www.cityofwebster.com/forms.aspx?fid=96



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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

JUNE

COMING UP...

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

01 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

6 p.m. at City Hall

08 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING*

6 p.m. at City Hall

15 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

6 p.m. at City Hall

20 FATHER'S DAY

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

*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.



FOURTH OF JULY OFFICE HOURS

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 for Independence Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.

Visit cityofwebster.com for updates on the annual Webster Fourth of July Celebration