

June Neighborhood Association Meetings

Thursday, June 2
North East Riverside General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
@ J.H. Hines Elementary (301 Garrison St.)
For questions, transportation, call 744-1389

Saturday, June 11
Brookview General Meeting, 11 a.m.
@ Guthrie Park Pavilion (3400 Brookview Dr.)
(Board Elections)

Thursday, June 23
Alta Vista General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
refreshments / 7 p.m. meeting
@ Alta Vista Elementary (3637 Alta Vista Dr.)

Tuesday, June 28
Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Dewey Community Center (925 N. 9th St.)
Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Carver Academy Library (1601 Flewellen Rd.)

Summer Zoo Camps

Cameron Park Zoo has designed fun and educational programs for Summer 2011. For students entering K through 6th grades, the following camps are available:

Critter Twitter (June 6-10 & July 11-15) teaches about the different ways animals communicate.

Zoo Sleuths (June 13-17 & July 25-29) will be looking for clues to solve mysteries at the Zoo.

Paws & Pigments (June 27-July 1 & August 1-5) focuses on art activities using patterns and colors seen on animals and in their habitats.

Zoo Tales (July 6-9 & July 18-22) is a half-day camp for students 3-5 years of age.

Down & Dirty Keeper Shadowing (July 19-22) allows students 12 years and up to get a behind-the-scenes, hands-on experience with the care of zoo animals.

If your child loves animals and being outside, Zoo Camp is for them! Call the Education Department at 750-8467 or 750-8466 for details or visit online: www.cameronparkzoo.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE

1	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
3	Brazos Nights 50th Anniversary Concert
7	City Council Meeting *
21	City Council Meeting *
24	Zoobilee
25	KidZoobilee
28	Plan Commission Meeting *

* Replayed weekly on WCCC-TV Cable Channel 10 and available for viewing on the City Web site. A more complete calendar is available online at www.waco-texas.com

City of Waco Fireworks Ordinance

The City of Waco Fire Department encourages everyone to have a safe Independence Day free of fires by enjoying the fireworks display at the Fourth on the Brazos celebration at Indian Spring Park. Please remember, it is a violation of City ordinances to possess, use, manufacture, sell, give away, transport or discharge fireworks within the city limits of Waco or within 5,000 feet of the city limits without a permit from the fire marshal. The ordinance also prohibits the possession of fireworks by a minor.

The only fireworks allowed in the city limits without a permit are "snakes," smoke bombs, "snap and pops," sparklers and champagne poppers. Fireworks sold by retail stores in Waco, such as Wal-Mart, Target, etc., are allowed. Fireworks purchased at stands outside the city limits (except for items listed above) are illegal to use or own.

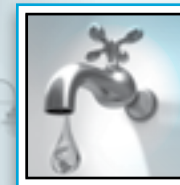


Special Deals for Veterans

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is honoring military service personnel and their families this summer! On Memorial Day Weekend (May 28th - 30th) and on Independence Day (July 4th), all Active Duty Personnel, Retirees and Veterans will receive FREE admission to the museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid ID or documentation). The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, and is located off I-35 at University Parks Dr. in Waco. For more information, call 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

Juneteenth Carnival at Dewey

Dewey Community Center will host the annual Juneteenth carnival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 17. Children can celebrate Juneteenth with games, food and fun. The event is open to ages 5 to 13 and the cost is \$3 per child. For more information, call 750-8677.



Conserve Water
Follow the water-saving tips inside



Zoobilee, KidZoobilee
Join Cameron Park Zoo for a magical celebration June 24 and 25



Make the Call
Campaign educates women on signs of a heart attack



WACO City Limits

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For more news and information, visit the City of Waco website at www.waco-texas.com.

Beat the Heat at Waco Water Park

Make a splash and spend the day at the Waco Water Park this summer! With two pools and two water slides, the park offers a water adventure for all ages. The entire park is available for private functions, or shade pavilions are available for birthday parties. Activities at the water park include water aerobics, water volleyball and swim lessons. Upcoming promotions include:

Dive-In Movie Night (June 6): Twilight admission rates apply.

Library Splash Day (June 7): Present a library card to receive half-price admission.

Father's Day (June 19): Bring Dad! All fathers get into the park for free.

Swim Lessons: Swim lessons are offered throughout the summer for ages 6 months and up. Classes help develop confidence and new skills in and around water for new swimmers of all ages. There are Parent/Tot lessons, Pre-School lessons, Childrens' lessons and Adult Swim lessons. Class sizes are limited, so register early. Registration is \$65 per participant.

Waco Wave Swim Team: Register through June 1st for the Waco Wave Swim Team. Swimmers ages 5 and up are welcome to join the team and compete in local and regional meets, and the TAAF Games of Texas. Registration is \$100 per person. Practice begins June 1 at the water park.

The water park opens for the summer starting Memorial Day weekend. For more information, call 750-7900 or visit online: www.waco-texas.com.

Brazos Nights Concerts

The good times and great music continue downtown on June 3rd at the annual Brazos Nights Concert series. The Waco Symphony Orchestra will return to the amphitheater for a special show of pop classics to kick off its 50th Anniversary season.

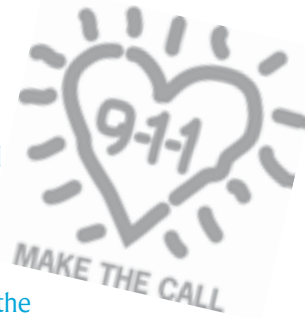
The concert series concludes on July 4th as H-E-B presents Fourth on the Brazos. The show will feature the The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Carolyn Wonderland, 36th Infantry Division Band, Waco Community Band and the H-E-B Fireworks Extravaganza.

Brazos Nights concerts are free and begin at 7 p.m. at Indian Spring Park. Concessions, childrens' activities and arts and crafts will be available.

For more information, visit www.brazosnightswaco.com or find them on Facebook.

Health District Spreads Important Message

A woman suffers a heart attack every minute in the United States, yet according to an American Heart Association survey, only half indicated they would call 9-1-1 if they thought they were having a heart attack, and many women did not recognize several key symptoms. This combination has led to dangerous consequences. The Office on Women's Health is introducing an effort to increase awareness and recognition of the seven most common heart attack symptoms among women and encourage the use of the 9-1-1 emergency response system when these symptoms occur.



The "Make the Call. Don't Miss A Beat" campaign aims to educate women and their families on the seven symptoms of a heart attack that most commonly present themselves in women. These include: chest pain, discomfort, pressure or squeezing; shortness of breath; nausea; light-headedness or sudden dizziness; unusual upper body pain, or discomfort in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck, jaw, or upper part of the stomach; unusual fatigue; breaking out in a cold sweat. The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District encourages women and their families to learn more.

Interested in helping spread the word? You can support the campaign by sharing the information, highlighting the issue in communications and at relevant events, ordering campaign materials for distribution, and encouraging a dialogue on this important topic. To learn more and join the conversation, visit the website at www.womenshealth.gov/heartattack.

Library Activities

Entertainers, Reading Activities, Dogs... The Waco-McLennan County Library has been busy digging up a treasure trove of free summer fun for your kids! Visit the Kids page at www.wacolibrary.org or call 750-5942 for a full calendar of activities.

DIG UP A GOOD BOOK! The 2011 Summer Reading Club for ages 12 and under, starts June 1 at the libraries. Sign up throughout June and read to earn special prizes. Complete 20 hours of reading by August 15 and receive a book from our selected group, a discount ticket to the Waco Mammoth Site, and treat coupons from local merchants including Pizza Hut and Wendy's. Reading materials don't have to be from the library. Check out our new Overdrive e-book collection!

Parents, summer reading helps children maintain their reading skills during the school break and reduces the need for reteaching skills in the fall. Help your child be a success in school by participating in this fun reading activity!



Summer Showcase at the Library

Summer Showcase, the weekly guest performances for children, will run June 7 through August 5 at the Waco-McLennan County Libraries. There's music, magic, storytelling, plays, wild animals – something for everyone! Performers include Magic Man, Stevens Puppets with "Beauty and the Beast," Storytime Players with "Rumpelstiltskin and the Princess," Dinosaur George, Story Book Theatre with "Country Mouse and City Mouse," and even Snake Encounters. Performances will take place:

- East Waco Library, 901 Elm Ave. – Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30
- West Waco Library, 5301 Bosque Blvd. – Wednesdays at 10:30 and 1:30
- South Waco Library, 2737 S. 18th St. – Fridays at 10:30 and 1:30

Angel Paws Reading Buddies

Angel Paws Reading Buddies program helps kids boost reading skills, build self-esteem and meet a new four-legged friend! Come meet and read to the wonderful animal assistance dogs from the Angel Paws service group on Thursdays at West Waco Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This is an excellent reading motivator, especially for reluctant or struggling readers.

Please call 750-5956 to reserve a 20 minute reading session and your child can also create a "doggy" craft either before or after the reading.

Youth Storytelling Workshop

The Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild of Waco, along with the Waco-McLennan County Library, will present a FREE Youth Storytelling Workshop on June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Waco Library (2737 S. 18th Street). The workshop is sponsored by the Tejas Storytelling Association and Doc Moore Outreach Project, and features Librarian and Storyteller Janet Latham of Denton, Texas. Children ages 8 years and up will have a wonderful time learning the basics of storytelling. Expert tips and techniques in the art of storytelling will be shared. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Seating is limited, so please call 717-1763 to RSVP soon, or email: vivian.rutherford@thestorylady.org.

Zoobilee and KidZoobilee

Cameron Park Zoo's Annual capital fundraiser, Zoobilee and KidZoobilee, is scheduled for Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. Patron tickets for Zoobilee with zoo parking are \$250 and \$175 with shuttle parking. General Admission is \$100 with shuttle parking (located at A.J. Moore).

This year's exciting theme is "Light Up the Night." The Zoobilee patron's party begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and goes to 8 p.m. All patrons receive a gift bag and t-shirt. Zoobilee begins at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. The silent Auction tent is open from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Waco's best restaurants and caterers will be serving their tasty food at both the patron party and Zoobilee.

KidZoobilee tickets are \$50 for a child's patron ticket and general admission is \$25 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The adult's ticket is \$25 per adult. KidZoobilee is designed for children ages 2 to 12 years. Be sure to have children wear their swimsuits under their clothes as there are plenty of water games. Kids enjoy games, face painting, a rock climbing wall and Grammy Nell's. There will be plenty of food, soft drinks, and water, and all children attending KidZoobilee receive an animal hat, gift bag, and t-shirt.

The KidZoobilee patron party begins Saturday at 5 p.m. Parents with children attending the party may park in the zoo's parking lot. General admission begins at 6 p.m. Parking for General Admission is shuttle parking from A.J. Moore.

Tickets sales for Zoobilee and KidZoobilee begin June 1, and may be purchased at the zoo or on the zoo's website at www.cameronparkzoo.com. Call 750-8415 for details.

The Zoo will be closed to the general public Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 due to these two events. Cameron Park Zoo will reopen for its regular hours Sunday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Summer Camps & Youth Activities

Summer Camps at the Community Centers

The City of Waco will host camps at community centers this summer. The Bledsoe-Miller, Dewey and South Waco Community Centers will offer summer camps Monday through Friday to youth ages 5 through 13. Campers will feature indoor and outdoor recreational activities, arts and crafts, field trips, games and more. Registration is \$60 per child and \$180 per session. For more information or to register, contact Bledsoe-Miller at 750-8684, Dewey at 750-8677 and South Waco at 750-8650.

Team Waco Track and Field

Team Waco is back for another season of recreational/ competitive track and field. Registration is \$50 per child, ages 5 through 18, through May 27. Team members compete in local and regional meets and have an opportunity to advance to the TAAF Games of Texas. Practices are held at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex and begin in June.

A parents meeting will be held on May 17. For information, call 750-5875.

CITY NOTE:

The City will not offer solid waste collection services on Memorial Day, May 30. Monday routes will be picked up Wednesday, June 1. The Landfill and Cobbs Recycling Center will be closed for the holiday. Call 299-2612 for more information.

Water Conservation: It Just Makes Cent\$!

It's that time of year again... and the hotter it gets, the more water we use to keep things cool and quenched. We tend not to think about all the water we use, but have you ever considered what it would be like if we had a severe water shortage? What if we completely ran out? There's an old adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Conserving water not only saves you money, it's the right thing to do. Doing small things to conserve water ensures a reliable water supply for years to come.

Did you know? More water is used in Waco for outdoor watering than for anything else? A good rain can eliminate the need for watering for up to two weeks.

Water Saving Tips:

- Water lawn, outdoor plants morning or evening, when temperatures are cooler and there is less evaporation.
- Avoid forgetful overwatering by using a timer.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of under a running faucet.
- Use pool or spa covers to decrease evaporation.
- Replace part of the lawn with shrubs or ground cover.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Taller grass helps soil hold more moisture.
- Collect rain water from your roof to water plants.
- Check pipes and faucets, indoors and out, for leaks on a regular basis.
- Shorten your shower by just a minute or two and save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Defrost food in the refrigerator instead of under running water.
- Wash dishes and clothes only when loads are full.
- Turn off faucets while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Use water-saving aerators on all your faucets.