

## March Neighborhood Association Meetings

### Thursday, March 6

North East Riverside General Meeting, 6 p.m.  
@ Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
(620 DeShong Smith St.) Questions,  
Transportation call 744-1389.

### Monday, March 14

Sanger Heights General Meeting, 6 p.m.  
@ Provident Heights Elementary  
(2415 Bosque Blvd.)

### Saturday, March 19

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

## Library Tutoring

Tutoring is available at the following libraries for the spring semester for grades K-12. For further information, contact Kim Salome at kimberlys@ci.waco.tx.us or call 750-5974.

East Waco Library- Tuesday 3:30-5 p.m.  
West Waco Library- Tuesday 4:30-6 p.m.

## Convention Center Tours

Are you a member of an association or other group that might hold its convention in Waco? Are you curious about how the renovations are coming along at the Waco Convention Center? The renovation will be complete in summer 2011, but the convention center is already giving tours for those interested in booking a convention or meeting at the facility.

It's easy to set up a site tour: simply visit [www.wacocvb.com](http://www.wacocvb.com) and click on "Request a site tour at the Waco Convention Center."

## VITA Tax Aid at Goodwill

IRS certified volunteers are ready to prepare and e-file tax returns for the public at no charge. Visit the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax site at the Heart of Texas Goodwill Learning Center, located at 1700 S. New Road from January 24 through April 18.

Mon. -- 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Wed. -- Feb. 2, 9, 16, & April 6, 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Thurs. -- 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

1	City Council Meeting *
2	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
15	City Council Meeting *
17	St. Patrick's Day
22	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](http://www.waco-texas.com)

## Brazos Nights

The City of Waco's annual Brazos Nights concert series returns to Downtown Waco this spring and summer with a great lineup of music. Brazos Nights are free concerts held in Indian Spring Park and feature some of Texas' best blues, country and Tejano artists. The first concert will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 1. The concert series will continue on May 6, June 3 and conclude with the annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration featuring the H-E-B Firework Extravaganza. The concerts also feature food and drink concessions, arts and crafts, a children's area and more! For more details call 750-5627 or visit [www.brazosnightswaco.com](http://www.brazosnightswaco.com).

## Cameron Park Rentals

The newly renovated facilities in Cameron Park are now available for rental. The Cameron Park Clubhouse and other park pavilions are available for private or community events throughout the year. Each area includes renovated pavilions, new walkways, renovated restrooms and parking. For more information on rental facilities, call 750-8080 or visit [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com).

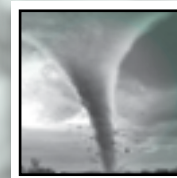
## Spring Break Camps

South Waco, Bledsoe-Miller, and Dewey Community Centers will offer Spring Break camps for kids ages 5 to 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 7-11. Children will participate in various activities including field trips and recreational games and crafts. Snacks will be provided but campers must bring their own lunch. The registration fee is \$40 per child. To register, contact the community centers: South Waco 750-8650, Bledsoe-Miller 750-8684, Dewey 750-8677.

## City Elections Filing Deadlines

The General Election for the City of Waco and Waco Independent School District will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The first day to file for a place on the City of Waco ballot was Monday, February 14. Positions on the ballot include District II, IV and V. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 14.

Voter registration applications are available at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall, the Waco-McLennan County Libraries, the Department of Public Safety or the McLennan Co. Elections Office in the County Records Building. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 750-5750 or visit the City of Waco website at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com). Click on City Services, then choose City Elections.



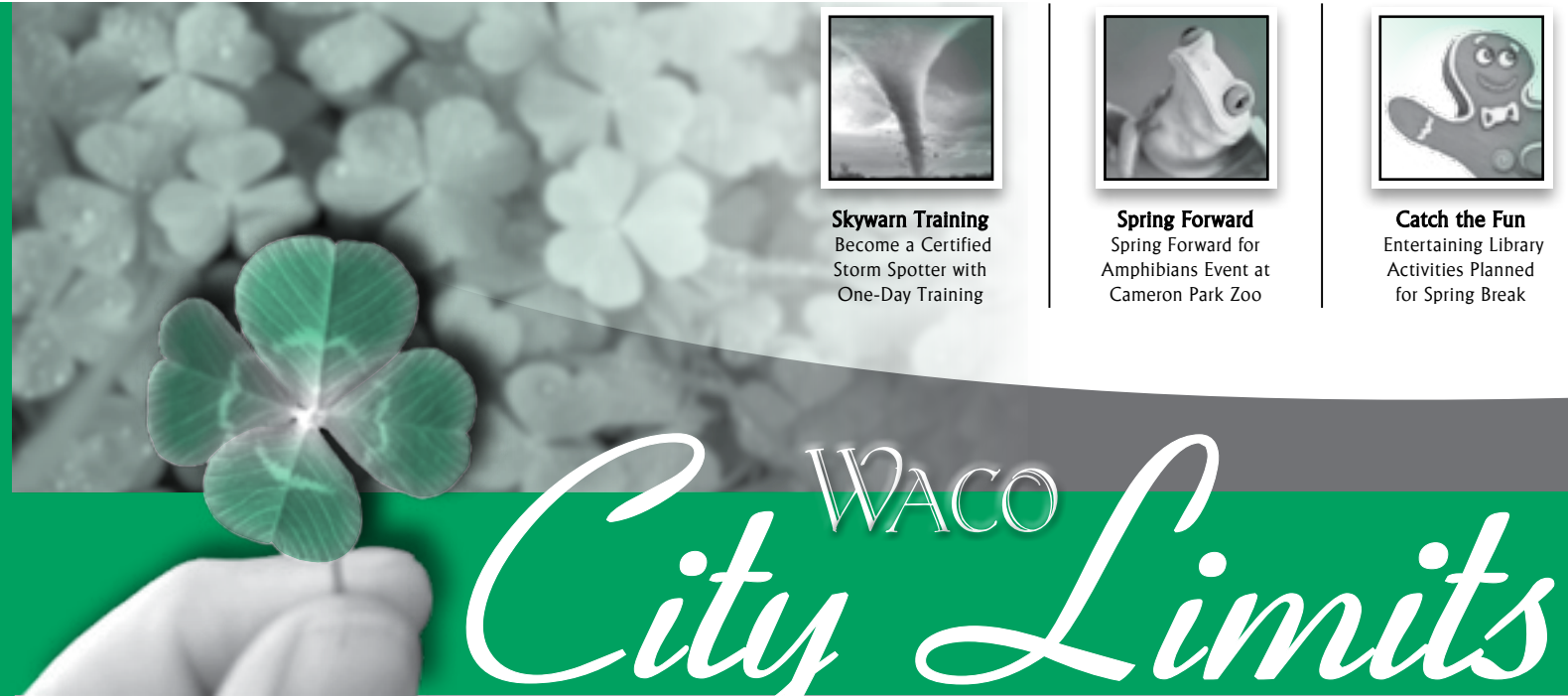
**Skywarn Training**  
Become a Certified Storm Spotter with One-Day Training



**Spring Forward**  
Spring Forward for Amphibians Event at Cameron Park Zoo



**Catch the Fun**  
Entertaining Library Activities Planned for Spring Break



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The City of Waco wishes you a happy St. Patrick's Day, and a year overflowing with good luck.

## Texas Independence Day Celebration

On March 2, 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. While the Alamo was under siege by Santa Anna's army, the Texas Declaration of Independence was drafted overnight and adopted at the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos the next day. The Republic of Texas was born, and nine years later, Texas became the United States' 28th state.

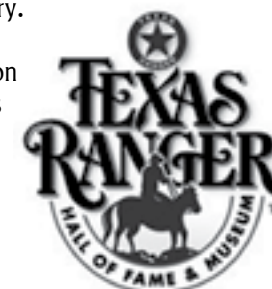
On Friday, March 4, Historic Waco Foundation and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum are joining together to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Texas Independence in grand style. Come join the celebration!

The event will be held at the newly renovated Knox Center and will include tours of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame with the Foundation's Belles and Beaus, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, a silent auction, dinner and an evening of dancing to the music of Jonquil Street. The entertainment also includes Mia Orosco, a nationally acclaimed fiddler, and Dave Tanner, a musical entertainer. Vicky Parker of Waco's Bestyett Catering will cater the dinner.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. for the reception, with dinner and dancing from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost will be \$80.00 per person. Proceeds will support Historic Waco Foundation and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in their efforts to preserve Waco/Texas history.

Call Historic Waco Foundation by March 1st for reservations at 254-753-5166.

The event is sponsored by Johnson Roofing, Inc.



## Spring Break Round Up!

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event March 7-12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grab your posse and head to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame for fun! Here's a sampling of activities:

- ⊛ Step Into a Ranger's Boots scavenger hunt
- ⊛ Wild West Shooting Practice
- ⊛ Make a Ranger Badge & Medal of Valor
- ⊛ Texas Ranger Trivia Contest
- ⊛ Make and Take Bookmarks & Bandanas
- ⊛ Come dressed in your best western "get-up" & enter our photo contest on Facebook!

For more information, contact the museum staff at (254) 750-8631 or visit [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org).

## March is National Nutrition Month

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, the WIC Program encourages families to focus on nutrition in a new way. "Taste the Rainbow" of fruits and vegetables -- talk about each one, and have family members vote for their favorite fruit or vegetable. Set up a voting table and encourage everyone in the family to try something new. Easy moves for couch potatoes: Get moving while watching TV. Walk in place or try yoga stretches during your favorite show.

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for working and nonworking families who meet income, residency and health screening guidelines. Clinics provide nutrition counseling, food benefits for grocery stores, breast-feeding education and nutrition education classes. WIC Clinics are located in Waco at 225 W. Waco Drive and 1105 Washington Avenue. There are also clinics in Mart, McGregor and near the TSTC campus. To locate a WIC office near you, please call 1-800-WIC-FORU or 254-750-5474.



## Catering Services

The Waco Convention Center in-house catering/concessions department is ready to provide great food for individuals and groups! Offerings include:

- In-house catering services for banquets and receptions at the Waco Convention Center, City Hall and other City-owned sites. Sample menus are available for review, or we will work with you to create a menu suitable for your event.
- Exclusive in-house alcohol and bar services for events held at the Waco Convention Center.
- On the spot pick-up or drop-off catering, just right if you need lite faire for your next meeting, or just want to treat a small group to lunch. Certain minimums apply.
- The A La Cart Mobile Café is on-hand for breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday at the Waco Convention Center. Specials as well as salads and sandwiches are available.
- The WCC Sweet Shoppe will be offering special sweet packages several times throughout the year. Treat those special to you with a great Sweet Shoppe treat!

For questions or additional information on these items, or for any catering/concessions questions please call 750-5859.

## Paws & Pigments at the Zoo

Children who like animals and art will LOVE the "Paws & Pigments" Spring Break Camp at Cameron Park Zoo. Paws & Pigments is a week long camp, from March 7 through 11, for kindergarten through 6th grade students. The camp will focus on art activities that incorporate patterns and colors seen on animals and in their habitats. During the week, campers will have the opportunity to see zoo animals and create their own works of art.

Age groups for the camp consist of Kindergarten through 2nd grade or 3rd through 6th grade. Children will only be placed together if they are in the same age group, and based on availability.

Cost of the Full-Day camp (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) is \$150.00 for members and \$180.00 for non-members. The Half-Day camp (9 a.m. to noon) costs \$80.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members. (Please Note: Registrations processed without payment.)

To learn more or to register, visit [www.cameronparkzoo.com](http://www.cameronparkzoo.com).

(Click on "Learn Play," then "Kids Opportunities" to "Zoo Camp.")

Zoo Camps fill up quickly, so don't delay... register today!



A GREAT ADVENTURE AWAITS...

## The Great Texas Warrant Roundup

The City of Waco is participating in the Great Texas Warrant Roundup. If you have an outstanding fine with any law enforcement agency in Texas, a warrant may be pending for your arrest. The Waco Police Department will join forces with over 200 law enforcement agencies in the search for citizens who have not paid fines that are owed. To avoid arrest or Driver's License suspension, please pay fines immediately. Call the Municipal Court at 254-750-5900 to find out how, or visit the court at 201 W. Waco Dr. You will NOT be arrested when you go to the court to pay your fine. For more information regarding the Warrant Roundup, visit [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) and select "Departments," then "Municipal Court." Please act right away... BEFORE the law catches up with you!

## Spring Break Library Activities

The Waco-McLennan County Library is hosting a variety of FREE Spring Break activities and services at its various branches. Mark your calendars!

**GUSTO, the Great Magician** will be coming to the East Waco Library at 901 Elm St. on Tuesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

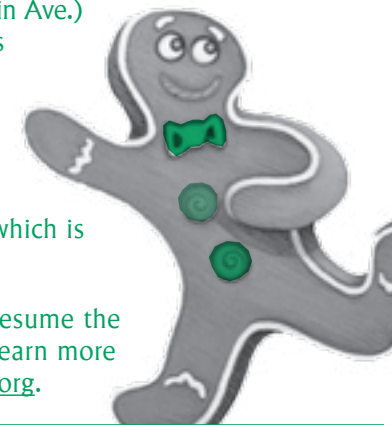
**The "Magic Man"** Todd McKinney will visit the West Waco Library at 5301 Bosque Blvd. on Wednesday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**"Three Little Pigs With a Texas Twist"** Story and Puppets by Sandy Shroul is coming to the Central Library at 1717 Austin Ave. on Thursday, March 10. There will be a performance at 10:30 a.m.

**Puppet Workshop** with Puppeteer/ Storyteller Sandy Shroul, for ages 5 to 12, will be offered at the Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) on Thursday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. Space is limited, so call 750-5942 to register today.

**"The Gingerbread Man" Puppet Show** will be presented by the Ware House Puppets at the South Waco Library at 2737 S. 18th St. Catch him at the puppet show performance, which is scheduled for Friday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime and other preschool activities will resume the week after Spring Break. Call 750-5942 to learn more about the activities, or visit [www.wacolibrary.org](http://www.wacolibrary.org).



## Skywarn Storm Spotter Training

In preparation for severe weather season, the Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management office is joining with the National Weather Service office in Fort Worth to sponsor the annual Skywarn training on March 19, 2011.

Registration for the FREE training will be at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will start at 9 a.m. The Workshop will be held at the McLennan Community College Emergency Services Education Center at 7601 Steinbeck Bend Dr.

Skywarn training will be conducted by Mark Fox, Warning & Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service forecast office in Fort Worth. The morning session will cover basic storm spotting information about thunderstorms, supercells and tornadoes and storm spotter safety and communication. The afternoon training will include more advanced information such as updrafts and downdrafts and radar interpretation.

Storm spotters are extremely valuable resources when it comes to severe weather. They are the meteorologist's eyes and ears during a severe weather event, and pass along critical information that can help save lives and property. Become a storm spotter by attending Skywarn training.

To learn more, call Frank Patterson at (254) 750-5911.

New: Access the latest edition of Parks & Recreation's *Good Times Guide* online at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com). The guide is a great way to get information on City parks, attractions, events, sports, aquatics and classes.

## Spring Forward for Amphibians!

Sunday, March 13 marks the day we spring forward and set our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. It is also the day you can spring forward to learn more about amphibians. Hop on over to Cameron Park Zoo and enjoy some "frog-focused" activities that highlight the plight of amphibians world wide.

The events are part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' efforts to promote conservation and raise awareness of the serious decline in amphibian populations. As many as one-third of the world's known amphibian species may be threatened by extinction because of habitat loss, climate change, pollution, and disease. Learn how amphibians affect the world around us and how you can help to slow their decline.

### Schedule of Events

- 11:30 Amphibian presentation in the Ranch House
- 1:00 Toadally Cool Amphibian Fun in the Braz Walker Aquarium
- 1:30 Princess and the Frog Story Time - Attention Little Princesses: BYOT (bring your own tiara) and register to win your own frog in the Zootique Gift shop after enjoying a reading of the Princess and the Frog at the Story Stump in the Meadows.
- 2:30 Amphibian Presentation in the Ranch House
- 3:30 Toadally Cool Amphibian Fun in the Braz Walker Aquarium

Celebrate amphibians... Receive a 25% discount on all amphibian related items in the Zootique!