

## August Neighborhood Association Meetings

### Tuesday, August 9

Downtown Neighborhood Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
@ Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.)

### Thursday, August 18

North E. Riverside General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
@ Bledsoe-Miller Center (300 N. MLK, Jr. Blvd.)

### Monday, August 22

Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.  
@ Dewey Center (925 N. 9th)

### Tuesday, August 23

Carver General Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
@ Carver Academy Library (1601 Flewellen)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

- 2 City Council Meeting \*
- 2 National Night Out
- 3 Building Standards Commission Mtg.
- 16 City Council Meeting \*
- 23 Plan Commission Meeting \*

\* Carried LIVE and replayed weekly on WCCC-TV Cable Channel 10 and available for viewing on the City website. A more complete calendar is available online at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com).

## Protect Our Storm Drains

Stormwater drains hold water that can mix with citizens' pollution, and in turn, pollute our streams and lakes. These pollutants harm fish & wildlife populations, kill vegetation, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant. Here are some ways YOU can help protect our lake, rivers and streams by keeping pollutants out of our storm drains:

- NEVER put used oil or chemicals in storm drains, trash bins, or on the ground.
- Take used motor oil, filters, antifreeze to the Cobbs Recycling Center.
- Save your chemicals for Household Hazardous Waste Day and dispose of them safely all at once.
- Bag and tie your trash- loose litter often ends up in our local waterways.
- Don't put leaves or grass clippings into the storm drains. Call 299-2612 to request a green yard waste cart. City of Waco trash customers can request a green yard waste cart at no charge.
- Pick up after your pets so pet waste won't get in our local waterways.
- Fix car leaks right away.

For more suggestions and lots of great information about protecting storm drains and recycling, visit Solid Waste Services at: [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com), or call Solid Waste Services at 254-299-CITY (254-299-2489).



Need more resources to keep your pooch safe and cool? Contact the clinic at [www.animalbirthcontrol.org](http://www.animalbirthcontrol.org) or call 776-7303.

## Municipal Court Closure & Changes

The Municipal Court will be closed Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 12:00 noon, August 31st, due to the implementation of the court's new software application, Tyler Incode. The court will reopen Thursday, September 1st and our services will be very limited until Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Customers can use the court safe drop box during this time.

## Keeping Your Pets Cool in Summer

1. Limit their exercise on hot days.
2. Don't rely on a fan - pets don't cool down the same way we do.
3. Provide plenty of water and shade for morning, afternoon & evening sun.
4. Freeze treats in an ice cube tray with beef or chicken broth for cool fun.
5. NEVER leave pets inside hot vehicles: It's the LAW!

The Waco Animal Birth Control Clinic offers these alternatives:

- Go through a drive-thru instead of the store.
- Bring a friend to play with your pooch outside while you shop.
- Shop pet friendly and let Fido cruise the isles with you.
- Eat alfresco (outdoors) and enjoy dining with your pet.
- Sit and stay. Sometimes it's best to just leave them safe at home.

**Peanut Butter Pup-sicles:** Here's a fun, easy way for you to help your pooch beat the heat! *Ingredients:* 1 cup peanut butter (no xylitol - check label)  
1/2 ripe banana, mashed  
ice cube tray

*Directions:* In a small mixing bowl, combine peanut butter with a little water and 1/2 mashed banana. Spoon mixture into ice tray like you would cookie dough and freeze several hours or overnight. Pop them out and let your furry pal enjoy!

VOLUNTEERS...

...WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES



**Zoo Activities**  
Lots of Educational and FUN Activities This Month



**Breastfeeding Month**  
National Breastfeeding Month is August: Learn Why Breast is Best



**Genealogy Class**  
Learn the Basics at the Library's Beginner's Genealogy Class



# WACO City Limits

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For more news and information, visit the City of Waco website at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com).

## Volunteer Board Members Needed

**Q:** What can I do to make a real difference in my city and community?  
**A:** You can become a volunteer member of a board or commission!

The Waco City Council welcomes applications from Waco residents who are interested in serving their community and working for a common purpose as a member of a board or commission.

Board and Commission members are leaders in the community who want to work with others to make Waco great. The role of a board or commission member for the City entails a high degree of responsibility to keep the public interest as a top priority.

Active participation and regular attendance is vital to the success of the board or commission, your community, and the City of Waco.

A current list of City of Waco Boards and Commissions can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a board or commission, please complete the application form on page 2 and return it in the mail with your water bill payment.

Applications and a detailed listing are also available in the City Secretary's Office or by visiting the City's website at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com). Click Leadership, then Boards/Commissions Listings.



## Talk Shows

Know more about your city! Watch these locally produced monthly Talk Shows on WCCC-TV, available on Grande and TWC cable channel 10 (not available on any satellite service).

**For Your Safety** - (Waco PD, Fire & Emergency Management) Tues. 8 p.m. & Thurs. 3:30 p.m.

**Health Wise** - (Waco-McLennan County Public Health District) Mon. at noon & Wed. 8 p.m.

**Home Is Where Our Heart Is** - (City's Housing Dept.) Mon. 7:30 p.m. & Wed. 3:30 p.m.

**Community in Focus** - (Cooper Foundation) Mon. 3:30 p.m. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

**The Giving Connection** - (Waco Foundation) Tues. 7:30 p.m. & Thurs. 3 p.m.

**Prosper Waco** - Mon. 8 p.m. & Wed. 3 p.m.

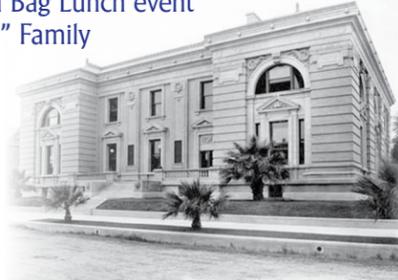
**Chamber Connect** - (Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce) Tues. 8:30 p.m. & Thurs. noon

**CommunityWise** - (Centex African American Chamber) Mon. 8:30 p.m. & Wed. at noon

**Noticias** - Centex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Tues. at noon & Thurs. 8 p.m.

## Brown Bag Lunch at the Library: The Rosenberg Library

On Monday, August 15 at noon, the West Waco Library will host a fascinating Brown Bag Lunch event entitled "Meet You at the Rosenberg Library : Historic Resources for Family Research." Family historian Eddie Serface will share the treasure of resources from the famous Rosenberg Library in Galveston. The discussion will provide an orientation to resources at the Galveston & Texas History Center of the Rosenberg Library. If your ancestors came to Texas through Galveston, this program will benefit you. It's a great precursor to the Aug. 22 presentation (at 7 p.m.) entitled "1900 Galveston Hurricane." For more information, call the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center at 750-5945.



## Zoo Activities:

Cameron Park Zoo will host lots of educational activities this month. Come to one or all of the following:

**International Owl Awareness Day**  
Thursday, August 4: keeper talks with the owls 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**World Lion Day**  
Wednesday, August 10: keeper talks & activities from 10 a.m. to noon.

**World Elephant Day**  
Friday, August 12: keeper talks and activities from 10 a.m. to noon.

**World Lizard Day**  
Sunday, August 14: keeper talks at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**International Orangutan Day**  
Friday, August 19: keeper talks at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Learn more at: [cameronparkzoo.com](http://cameronparkzoo.com).



## Opportunities, cont.

Here are some important things to know about what it takes to apply for a City board or commission:

- Some boards require that you live inside Waco city limits
- No felony convictions within the last 5 years; no misdemeanor convictions within the last 3 years
- Must not have been removed from a board or commission for failure to attend meetings within the last three (3) years;
- Only serve on one board at a time (does not apply to ex officio board positions or boards with special or Council directed functions)

A list of Waco's Boards and Commissions is available on the City of Waco website at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) under the "Leadership" tab. Clicking on a specific board name will allow you to review various details, including the board's purpose, membership, special qualifications, etc.

If you'd like to get involved with the direction of your city, an application is also available on the Boards/Commissions page, or visit the City Secretary's office on the first floor of City Hall (also called the Municipal Building) at 300 Austin Avenue in downtown Waco. For more information, call (254) 750-5750.

## Beginner's Genealogy Class at the Library

The Waco-McLennan County Library together with the Central Texas Genealogical Society will sponsor a Beginner's Genealogy Class on Saturday, August 20 at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center, 5301 Bosque Blvd.

The class is free and will cover topics such as how to use genealogy forms, an introduction to basic records such as Census and Immigration records, Internet sources, and a tour and orientation of the Genealogy Center's collection. The instructors for the class will be Norma Cannata of the Central Texas Genealogical Society and Bill Buckner, Genealogy Center Manager. For more information, call Bill Buckner at 750-5945.

## Prestigious Award for Public Works

The City of Waco Public Works Department received the 2016 Drahn Jones Award for Excellence in Education for STEAM Day 2016. The award recognizes the Public Works Department for "outstanding and meritorious achievement in the area of education... delivering educational opportunities for all levels of persons engaged in the delivery of public works services."

Kudos to all City of Waco staff that assisted/participated in STEAM Day 2016. STEAM Day is an exhibition based event geared towards engaging middle and high school students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture, and Mathematics. The 1-day event is held each October at the Waco Convention Center. Last year, over 1,800 students and 50 exhibitors participated. Businesses, universities and school clubs exhibited their wares and explained what they do in their STEAM careers to students that came from as many as 11 counties around Waco.

It truly is a small world. The 2016 Drahn Jones Award for Excellence in Education is named after Dr. Drahn M. Jones, a former professor at Texas A&M University in the 1950s. Dr. Jones, a former employee of the City of Waco, was instrumental in securing a job for one of his students, a young Lester Fisseler from Shiner, Texas. Mr. Lester Fisseler moved to Waco and he and his wife, Joyce, had two sons, Gene Fisseler and Dale Fisseler, both Aggie graduates of the civil engineering program at Texas A&M University, where they knew Dr. Jones as he continued to teach until his passing in 2003. The younger of the two, Dale Fisseler, is our current City Manager. What an honor for our great City, led by Dale Fisseler, to receive the award bearing Dr. Jones' name. Wacoans can be proud of their great city and the best Public Works Department team in Central Texas!

## Registration for After-School Camps

Registration is underway for the City of Waco Parks & Recreation after-school camps. South Waco, Bledsoe-Miller and Dewey Community Centers are offering after-school camps for kids ages 5 to 13 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Children take part in tutoring, afternoon snacks and recreational activities. The camps provide limited transportation from area schools. The registration fee per child is \$65 per month and space is limited. For more information or to register, contact the community centers at South Waco 750-8650, Bledsoe-Miller 750-8684, and Dewey 750-8677.

## XTERRA Adventure Race in Waco

The XTERRA Adventure Race will take place on Saturday, August 13 and Sunday August 14 in the trails of Cameron Park. The event will feature a trail run and full triathlon. Saturday's trail run will offer both a 21K and a 5K distance option. On Sunday, triathlon contestants will swim 1.5 kilometers in the Brazos River, then bike 24 kilometers through Cameron Park. The race will end with a 10-k trail run.

Along with the Triathlon, the race also offers a Sport Race for beginners: a 750-meter swim in the Brazos River, a 12-k mountain bike ride and a 5-k trail run through Cameron Park. Registration is open and costs vary based on the type of event. For more information: [www.xterraplanet.com](http://www.xterraplanet.com).

### REMINDER:

School starts on August 22, and children will be on our roadways. Drivers, please obey all traffic laws and observe school zone speed limits. Remember to buckle everyone up, and do not use cell phones or other devices while driving.



## World Breastfeeding Month: Breast is Best

August is World Breastfeeding Month, a time to spread the word about why breastmilk is the best food for babies, and the smartest choice for mothers and their families.

The Health District's WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program invites you to the World Breastfeeding Day Celebration on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Downtown Waco Farmers Market. Admission is free, and there will be games and prizes throughout the celebration. WIC wants moms to know the following information:

### BREASTMILK IS THE BEST FOOD FOR BABIES

- Reduces risk of allergic reactions & asthma
- Gives babies most easily digested food
- Promotes healthy growth & development
- Protects against cancer & diabetes
- Transmits mother's immunities
- Leads to fewer ear & respiratory infections
- Reduces crying & colic for happier babies

### BREASTFEEDING IS BEST FOR MOTHERS

- Protects against breast & ovarian cancer
- Helps uterus, body get back into shape faster
- Miss fewer work days: baby is sick less often

### BREASTFEEDING IS BEST FOR FAMILIES

- Saves money in formula & health care costs
- Makes for easier traveling

### BREASTFEEDING IS BEST FOR THE WORLD

- Protects environment: no packaging, waste
- Yields a healthier work force for the future
- Saves tax \$ by decreasing health care costs

Breastfeeding yields benefits for mothers, babies and families that last a lifetime. Learn more about why "breast is best" by calling 750-5474 or 750-8623, or view WIC's Breastfeeding Resources online at: [waco-texas.com/cms-healthdepartment](http://waco-texas.com/cms-healthdepartment).