

March Neighborhood Association Meetings

Monday, March 9
Sanger Heights General Meeting, 7 p.m.
@ Art Forum of Waco (1826 Morrow Ave.)

Thursday, March 19
North East Riverside General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
@ Eastern Waco Devt. Corp. (715 Elm Ave.)

Monday, March 23
Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Dewey Center

Tuesday, March 24
Carver General Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
@ Carver Academy Library

Thursday, March 26
Alta Vista General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
refreshments / 7 p.m. meeting
@ Alta Vista Elementary School

This Month on WCCC.TV

The Waco City Cable Channel is serving up special features this month. Watch Time Warner channel 10 (digital 10.210), Grande channel 10 (HD ch. 810), or watch live on our web channel at www.wccc.tv.

Week of March 1

WACO, GATEWAY TO TEXAS HISTORY
Sandtown, A Vanished Waco Neighborhood

Week of March 8

KNOW YOUR CITY
Tenet Education: Your Rights/Responsibilities

Week of March 15

AROUND WACO
The Carillon of St. Alban's

Week of March 22

WACO REMEMBERS
Waco High, the Old School

Week of March 29

AROUND WACO
The Bat Man from Waco

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

3	City Council Meeting *
4	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
9-13	Spring Break for Area Schools
17	City Council Meeting *
17	St. Patrick's Day
24	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.

New Exhibit at Texas Ranger Museum

Come see "Distinguished Service: The Retired Texas Rangers" at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum. The display of personal memorabilia from living Ranger veterans features a large touch screen display which can be searched for more information on over 180 living retired Rangers. The Rangers each have a personal biography documenting their law enforcement career, with special features like oral history excerpts, important case summaries and photos when available. To view the biographies online, visit www.texasranger.org/retirees.html.



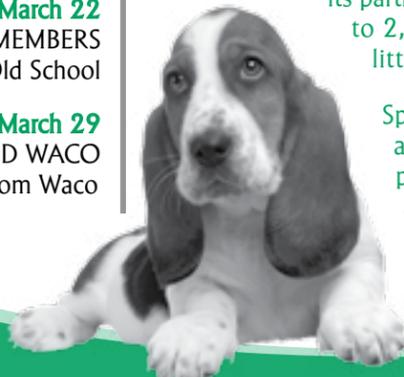
Funding Available for Pets of Residents

Spay/Neuter/Microchip funding is still available for pets of Waco residents through "SpayStreet Waco," a volunteer-based organization partnering with the City of Waco's Animal Control Officers and Animal Shelter staff. Their collective goal is to visit citizens in areas of town in order to educate and inform them on the value of spaying/neutering/microchipping your pet(s). They also hold various microchip clinics throughout the year.

Waco citizens are eligible for free spay/neuter surgeries for their pets with the program. A voucher is required and proof of residency, such as a current water bill.

Since beginning the program in November of 2013, SpayStreet Waco and its partner the Animal Birth Control Clinic, have performed close to 2,000 surgeries, preventing future abandoned and stray litters in our county.

Spaying and neutering your animals is the law in Waco, and the only effective way to keep our Animal Shelter population manageable. Please make sure your pets are compliant with the law! For more information on SpayStreet Waco, visit: spaystreetwaco.com or call (254) 752-SPAY (7729). Se habla español.



WATCH US LIVE!

The Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC.TV) is now offered in live streaming video on our channel's website at www.wccc.tv. Now, viewers can conveniently enjoy the same great programming offered on the cable channel on their computers, too -- in high definition.

Property 4 Sale
Deeply Discounted
City Properties Are
Available for Purchase

Spring Forward
Spring Forward for
Amphibians Event at
Cameron Park Zoo

Library Activities
Tons of Monthly Fun
for Kids, Plus Spring
Break Activities

WACO City Limits

MARCH 2015

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

Kids at Our Libraries Are LUCKY!

The Waco-McLennan County Libraries are featuring these FUN activities for March:

Kite Workshop for Families will be held Tuesday, March 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.). Supplies are furnished to make a kite that will really fly – just in time for spring break fun! The H.O.T. Sertoma Club, which will hold its 9th annual Kite Festival on May 4, presents this family-friendly workshop. Space is limited, so please register online at www.wacolibrary.org or call 750-5942.

LEGO Lab will be held Saturday, March 14 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Central Library. LEGO lovers, ages 6 through 12, can create a masterpiece using the library's LEGO bricks at this monthly class. The projects are displayed in the Library and on the website for the following month. Space is limited, so please register online at www.wacolibrary.com.

Creation Station is set for Sunday, March 15 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Central Library. The theme is "Spring Fling," and activities include springtime tales, crafts, and a St. Patrick's Day puppet show. Special guest Heather Bailey of the Texas State Library's Talking Books Program will show how visually-impaired children learn to read with some special activities and materials, including Braille books and a slate and stylus to let kids write their own names in Braille. Please register at www.wacolibrary.org or call 750-5942.

Crafty Kids Class will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Central Library. Spring crafts, including decorating eggs, will be featured at this month's class for ages 6 through 12. Please register at www.wacolibrary.org or call 750-5942.

Block Party for preschool ages and toddlers is coming Sunday, March 22 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to Central Library. Little ones can use a variety of big blocks and other manipulatives to play, build, and create. Please register at www.wacolibrary.com.

Kids Computer Class will be offered Thursday, March 19 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Central Library. Kids can discover some awesome "Internet Web Sites" for their school projects or just for fun at the third monthly Kids Computer Class, for students in grades 3 through 7. Space is limited, so please register at www.wacolibrary.org or call 750-5956.

[Check out more Spring Break Library Activities on page3]

Spring Break Round Up!

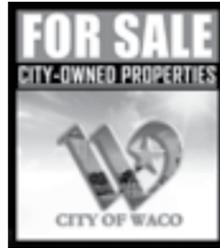
On Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event. The come & go event will feature activities and programs for children and adults, including a camp and chuck wagon cooking demonstration by Texas Top Guns. Scott Bundy of TTG says, "For us, we get to act like cowboys like when we were 12, except for all the toys are cooler. It's just a blast to come out here and do this kind of stuff."

Visitors also will enjoy a presentation by a real Texas Ranger! There will be a demonstration of spinning fiber on both a spinning wheel and a drop spindle to make yarn to knit, crochet or weave into fabric for clothing, household goods, etc.

Visitors will also be able to touch various kinds of wool and other animal fibers, as well as cotton and flax. Entrance to the event is free with general museum admission. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit online at www.texasranger.org.

Affordable Lots for Sale on New Website

Affordable, buildable lots are available for purchase by the City of Waco from \$1,200-\$8,000. Non-buildable lot prices are drastically reduced at 75% off of MCAD value. Visit www.WacoCitySaleProperties.com to see the showcase. Have a vacant lot next to your house (and you have a homestead exemption)? If the city owns the lot, it may be priced very reasonably for you to extend your property, without having to pay past due property taxes or liens on these properties, and no requirements to build or improve the lot.



To purchase property from the City of Waco, contact Kendra Anderson-Zadnik at 750-5672 with the address to confirm pricing and zoning restrictions. A printed list is available at the Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Ave. The process is as simple as signing an offer to purchase, pay the full amount and receive the deed within 4 to 5 months. Keep updated on upcoming bid sales and tax sale auctions by LIKING the new "City of Waco Properties For Sale" Facebook page, or email KendraA@ci.waco.tx.us to be notified of specials, bids and auctions.

Free Tax Prep Aide

Trained volunteers are ready to help prepare your taxes and get the refund you deserve at these sites:

VITA SITE: [University High School](#)
(3201 S. New Road) Phone: 366-9TAX
Open Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. starting 1/22 and ending 4/15.
(CLOSED for Spring Break: March 9-13.)

AARP SITES:
[NeighborWorks Waco](#)
(922 Franklin Ave.) Phone: 752-1647
Open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting 2/03 and ending 4/14.

[Providence Hospital, Young Tower](#)
(6901 Medical Pkwy.) Phone: 751-4731
Open Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting 2/02 and ending 4/15.

[South Waco Community Center](#)
(2815 Speight Ave.) Phone: 750-8650
Open Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting 2/02 and ending 4/15.

[First Baptist Church of Hewitt](#)
(301 S. First St.) Phone: 666-2741
Open Tuesdays & Thursdays noon to 4 p.m. starting 2/03 and ending 4/14.

Bring an official photo ID, a Social Security Card for each tax payer and dependent; all income or IRS documentation such as 2014 W-2; 1098 or 1099 forms; real estate tax; self-employment income/expenses; 1098-T form; etc.

BAYLOR BEARATHON The Baylor Student Foundation's annual half-marathon will take place on Saturday, March 21 at 7 a.m. Participants can complete the half marathon or a 5K race that begins at the same time. The event begins on Baylor campus, proceeds through Cameron Park and Downtown Waco and ends at McLane Stadium. Cash prizes for both races; everyone receives a shirt and medal. For more information, visit online at: www.baylor.edu/student_foundation and click on "Bearathon."

MAMMOTHS ON THE MARCH Don't miss the Mammoths on the March spring festival from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21. There will be door-prize giveaways, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, and a fossil display. Children and adults can dig like real paleontologists in the Excavation Station for a small fee. Visit www.wacomammoth.org for more information.

GOOD TIMES GUIDE Good Times Guide – Don't miss out on summer fun! Be sure to check out the latest edition of the Parks and Recreation Department's Good Times Guide. The Good Times Guide can be accessed online at www.waco-texas.com or picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office, any McLennan County Library, community center, the Health Department or City Hall. The guide features information about the events, activities and classes that the Waco Parks and Recreation Department offers.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS Registration is open for the City of Waco Parks and Recreation 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 9 through March 13. 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 \$65 per child. For more information, or to register, contact the community centers at South Waco 750-8650, Bledsoe-Miller 750-8684 and Dewey 750-8677.

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 290 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 Warrant Roundup information, visit www.waco-texas.com and select "Departments," then "Municipal Court." Please act now... BEFORE the law catches up with you!

Bag & Tie So Trash Won't Fly!

Trash collection can be very challenging on windy days. We know we can't control Mother Nature, but here are some tips from our Solid Waste Services office that may help prevent your trash from blowing away:

1. Bag all trash and securely tie each bag before placing them in the grey cart (very important for small, lightweight items like Styrofoam and plastic or paper).
2. Be sure your cart lid is closed. Trash and recycling items are more susceptible to blowing out of the cart when the lid is not completely shut.
3. Don't put loose or bagged garbage, trash, or extra home trash cans at the curb.
4. Bring your cart in as soon as possible after collection to reduce the risk of your cart blowing down the street.

Please call 299-2612 with questions or go to Waco-texas.com and click on "Solid Waste" under Departments. *Para informacion en Espanol – 299-2612.*

Spring Into Better Health

Turn a new leaf and establish a New You by visiting the New Live Well Waco page at www.LiveWellWaco.com. Find information on how to Eat Well, Play Well, Be Well, Work Well, Breathe Well and Think Well! Learn to eat healthier, manage chronic disease like Diabetes, stay active while at work, and discover local resources that may assist you in establishing healthy lifestyle changes.



Spring Break Library Activities

"EVERY HERO HAS A STORY" ART AND WRITING CONTEST

It's not too late to create an original art piece or write an original story or essay about YOUR hero! This contest is aimed for ages 5 through 17 and there are three age categories for both portions of the contest. The deadline for entering is March 20. Your original work may be used by the Library to promote our summer reading club and events! Winners in each category will receive a gift certificate. For a full set of rules, call 750-5944 or visit www.wacolibrary.org.

HEROES CONQUER SIMPLE MACHINES

Teens and tweens ages 11 to 17 can have a blast while working together to build machines on March 11 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library.

SPRING BREAK SHOWCASE OF GUEST PERFORMERS

The following Guest Showcase Programs, aimed for entertaining ages 4 through 11, will replace preschool programs during Spring Break:

- "Magic Man" **Todd McKinney** delivers comedy and sleight of hand fun on Tuesday, March 10 at East Waco Library at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- **Nancy Worcester**, ventriloquist and puppeteer, brings her "Journey" show to West Waco Library on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- **Sandy Shrout**, puppeteer, presents "Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs" with a humorous Texas twist on Thursday, March 12 at Central Library at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- **Austin Reptile Show**, with snakes, lizards, and other critters are coming to South Waco Library on Friday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

REMINDER:

Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Sunday, March 8, and don't forget to change those smoke alarm batteries!

Spring Forward for Amphibians!

SPRING FORWARD FOR AMPHIBIANS

Hop on over to Cameron Park Zoo and enjoy some "frog-focused" activities that highlight the plight of amphibians all over the world. Sunday, March 8 marks the day we spring forward and set our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. It is also the day that you can spring forward to learn more about amphibians at the zoo. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SAVE A SPIDER DAY

Creepy crawlies are welcome at Cameron Park Zoo! Come to the zoo on Saturday, March 14 to learn about our eight-legged friends and why you should "Save a Spider." There will be keeper talks and animal presentations. (Times will be posted at www.cameronparkzoo.com as the date of the event approaches.)

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Join Cameron Park Zoo on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, in a celebration of conservation and "being green." Come to Cameron Park Zoo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoy conservation activities that focus on animals, the environment and how to conserve our green spaces. The Zoo is sponsoring this day to remind people how important it is to recycle what we can and cut down on waste.

POISON SAFETY SAFARI

Cameron Park Zoo is partnering with the Central Texas Poison Center at Scott and White to present the third annual Poison Safety Safari on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come learn about poisonous plants, animals and products while playing games and participating in activities.