

April Neighborhood Association Meetings

Saturday, April 9
STEPPIN' OUT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all over Waco.

Wednesday, April 20
 Downtown Neighborhood Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 @ The Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.)

Thursday, April 21
 North East Riverside General, 6:30 p.m.
 @ Bledsoe-Miller Center (300 N. MLK, Jr. Blvd.)
 Landon Branch, 6 p.m. dinner 6:30 meeting
 @ Uncle Dan's Barbeque (1001 Lake Air Dr.)

Friday - Sunday, April 22 - 24
 Alta Vista Garage Sale, all day, starting at 8 a.m.
 @ homes throughout the neighborhood

Monday, April 25
 Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.
 @ Sul Ross Center (1414 Jefferson Ave.)

Tuesday, April 26
 Carver General Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 @ Carver Academy Library (1601 JJ Flewellen Rd.)

SAVE the DATE, Please!

Save the date and set aside items for the 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 7 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Solid Waste Operations Center, 501 Schroeder Dr. Residents of Waco, Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, Lorena, and Woodway can prepare by gathering up old paints, batteries, electronics, automotive fluids, insecticides, cleaners, poisons, corrosives, flammables and other hazardous chemicals from households and even residential tires. For a complete list of items, visit Solid Waste Services at www.waco-texas.com, or call 299-2612.

"LEAVE My LITTER"

Last spring, Waco Animal Control, Animal Shelter and other rescues were flooded with litters of kittens who actually had mothers caring for and nursing them. The Leave My Litter Campaign shares the following tips to prevent the needless impounding of kittens:

- Wait and watch – the mother cat IS nearby.
- Leave food and water for the mother cat.
- Don't handle the kittens.

Call Animal Birth Control Clinic in 5-6 weeks for TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) for the mother cat and her kittens. (Free with a Waco Water bill.) Is the litter in a dangerous place? If so, call Animal Control at 750-7500. Thank you for your cooperation!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL

27	Easter Sunday is March 27.
5	City Council Meeting *
6	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
19	City Council Meeting *
26	Plan Commission Meeting *

* Carried LIVE and replayed weekly on WCCCTV Cable Channel 10 and available for viewing on the City website. A more complete calendar is available online at www.waco-texas.com.

Lone Star History Conference

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum will host the 3rd Annual Lone Star History Conference on Friday through Sunday, April 29 through May 1 at the Knox Center.

Join the Ranger Museum for a weekend jam-packed with presentations on Texas Ranger history by leading historians and active-duty Texas Rangers! Scheduled speakers include: Texas Rangers Assistant Chief Frank Malinak, Lieutenant Wende Wakeman, the first female lieutenant in the Texas Rangers service; Bill O'Neal, State Historian of Texas; David S. Turk, historian of the U.S. Marshals Service; and Jim Willett, historian of the Texas Prison Museum. During the conference many Texas Ranger historians will be available to autograph copies of their books available in the museum store. For more information, please visit www.texasranger.org.

Heart of Texas March for Babies

Since its beginning as the first walking fundraiser in America, March for Babies has raised over \$1 billion Locally, people from the Waco, Temple, and Killeen come together to walk and raise money that helps give all babies a fighting chance.

Grab some friends, family and co-workers and create a walking team for the Heart of Texas March for Babies event on Saturday, April 16, at McLane Stadium. All funds raised will go to support lifesaving research and programs that help save babies born prematurely or with birth defects. Registration and team photos start at 8 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony rally at 9 a.m. Sign up at www.marchforbabies.org. For more information, call the Waco March of Dimes at 744-8799.

Healthy Soul Food Demo & Health Fair

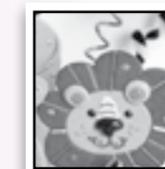
Nurture your mind, body and spirit (and taste buds!) at the FREE Healthy Soul Food Demonstration & Health Fair on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the City of Waco Multipurpose Center, 1020 Elm Avenue (on Paul Quinn Campus). Quickly becoming a tradition in Waco, this fun, informative Fair is part of a National Public Health Week focus on healthy lifestyle choices. It will feature healthy soul food tastings and activities including jump rope, hula hoop, and dancing. Attendees will share healthier food options and there will be opportunities for heart health assessments, blood pressure checks, blood glucose screenings, and HIV testing. For more information, email Ramona_Curtis@Baylor.edu or visit the Facebook Page: 2016 Healthy Soul Food Demonstration & Health Fair.



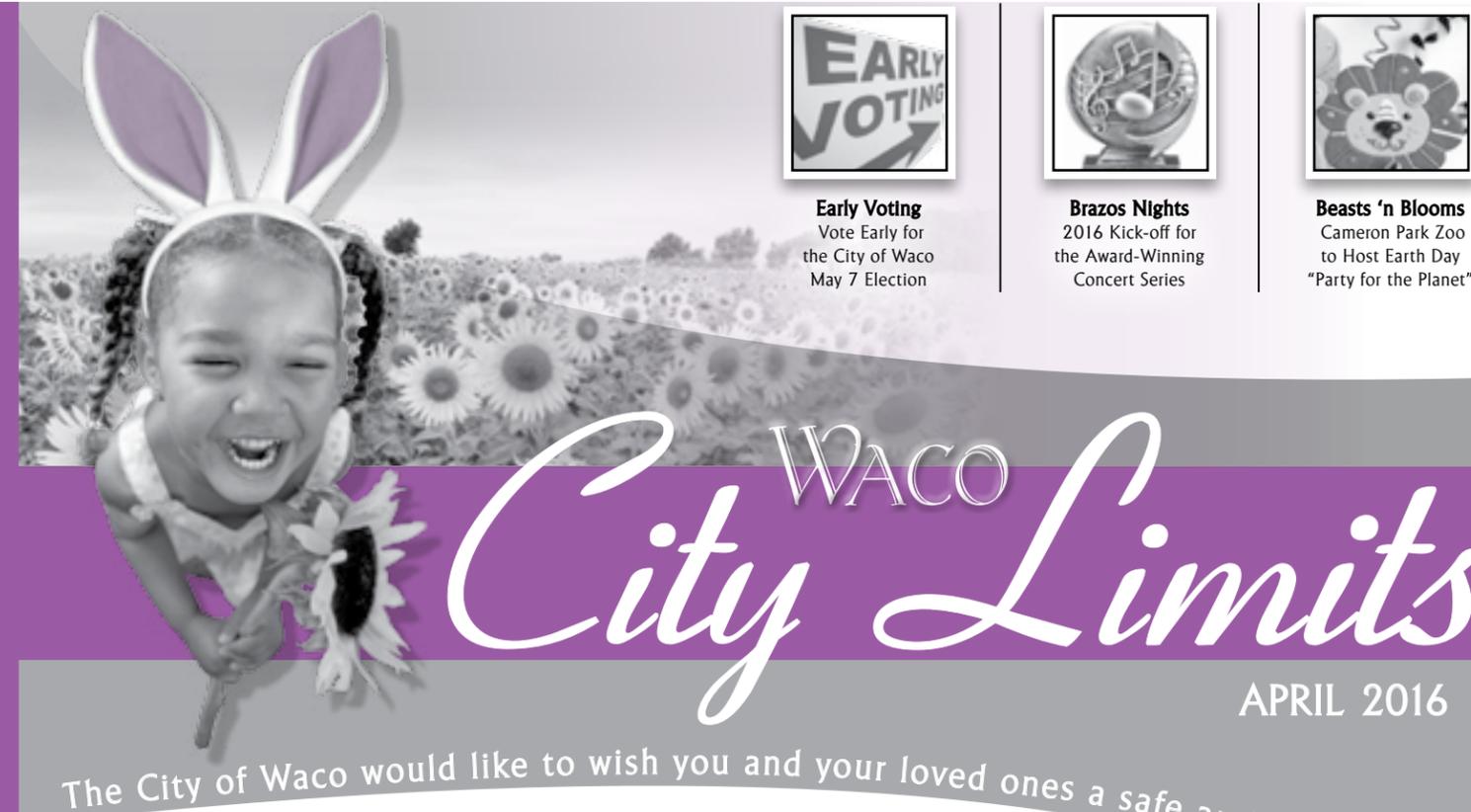
Early Voting
 Vote Early for
 the City of Waco
 May 7 Election



Brazos Nights
 2016 Kick-off for
 the Award-Winning
 Concert Series



Beasts 'n Blooms
 Cameron Park Zoo
 to Host Earth Day
 "Party for the Planet"



The City of Waco would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Easter.

Diverse Leaders for a Dynamic City

The City of Waco has made some exciting personnel changes in the past year, from upper management to several key departments. With City Council guidance, a new generation of leaders with diverse backgrounds, proven records and new ideas is now in place to carry our city into the future. Meet our newest City of Waco leaders, pictured below from left to right:

Octavio Garza, Director of Public Works, oversees Engineering, Operations (Traffic, Streets, Solid Waste) and Capital Improvement Projects. City Secretary **Esmeralda Cuate-Hudson** leads her team providing citizens with information on City Council actions, elections, ordinances, contracts, deeds and more. HR Director **Missie Pustejovsky** manages recruitment/hiring, benefits, wellness, training, records and more for over 1,500 employees. Assistant City Manager **Deidra Emerson**, formerly with the City of Ft. Worth, oversees Cameron Park Zoo, Public Health, Library, Parks, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, and Waco Transit. Library Director **Essy Day**, formerly from Kentucky, runs Waco's multibranch library system. **Kelly Holecsek** is our city's Director of General Services and Program Manager for the Purchasing Department. Assistant City Manager **Cynthia Garcia**, formerly with Ft. Worth, oversees Convention & Visitor Services, Housing/Economic Development, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Planning and the Regional Airport. Recently promoted to Director of Waco Water Utility Services, **Lisa Tyer** has served the City since 1997. Parks & Rec. Director **John Williams** previously served as Parks & Rec. Director of Indianapolis, a city six times larger than Waco. In addition to those pictured, other recently hired or promoted employees are also adding diversity and expert management to the City of Waco ranks, like Budget Director, **Laura Chiota**. Waco can look forward to a bright, thriving future under their leadership.



Spring Steppin' Out

The City of Waco's Neighborhood and Solid Waste Service Departments are teaming up with Baylor's Steppin' Out student volunteer service to help clean up our Waco neighborhoods this spring.

The 2016 Spring Steppin' Out event will take place all day on Saturday, April 9. Now in its 31st year, Steppin' Out Neighborhood Cleanup Day takes place each spring and fall throughout neighborhoods across Waco. Baylor volunteers help residents beautify their properties and streets through yard work, gardening, trash clean up, window washing, and even painting.

If you or your group would like to participate, check with your area's Neighborhood Association (contacts are listed under Neighborhood Services at www.waco-texas.com), or call Baylor Steppin' Out at 710-3199. The deadline to submit requests for student volunteers, Solid Waste roll-off containers and cleaning supplies from Keep Waco Beautiful is April 1.

Annual Reports Are Now Available

The City of Waco's Annual Report publication, *Visions*, will be available starting April 1. Read the full color 2015 edition to learn how City staff and volunteers worked together to provide our citizens with basic services, plus major accomplishments that continue to shape the future of our City.

View the report at www.waco-texas.com, to help us save paper and over \$7,000 in postage costs. To receive a copy in the mail, please complete and return the order form with your water payment. Copies are also available at City Hall, the Water Office, the libraries, and Community Centers. Or, call 750-5639 to leave a request and address. The award-winning report is produced totally in-house (except for printing) by city staff.

ANNUAL REPORT ORDER FORM

To have a copy of *Visions* mailed to you, please fill out the information below and return it with your water bill payment.

YES! PLEASE MAIL MY FREE COPY OF THE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO:

Name:

Address:

Brazos Nights '16

The City of Waco's annual downtown concert series returns this year for good times and great music next to the Suspension Bridge. One of the downtown highlights of the spring and summer, Waco's Brazos Nights concerts are free to the public. For 30 years, the concerts have provided Central Texas with a wide range of outstanding musicians.

This year's schedule includes:

April 1 – Lee Fields and The Expressions; Brownout Presents: Brown Sabbath

April 9 – Pints in the Park at Brazos Park East
May 6 – La Lay 104.1 with Los Texmaniacs and Flaco Jimenez

June 10 – Shinyribs and the Old 97s

July 4 – Big Sam's Funky Nation and H-E-B Fireworks at McLane Stadium.

Concerts are held near the Suspension Bridge (except July 4). Folks of all ages love the festival with food, beverages and vendors booths. Visit brazosnightswaco.com for more information.



News & Fun From Parks & Rec.

Pints in the Park

Waco's Pints in the Park festival returns to the riverfront at Brazos Park East on Saturday, April 9. With Texas barbecue joints, craft breweries, backyard games and live music, Pints in the Park benefits the City's Brazos Nights concert series. Tickets for last year's event sold out, and another great event is expected with some of Texas' top rated barbecue restaurants, along with seasonal craft beers and a music lineup that includes Vaden Todd Lewis of the Toadies and the Dirty River Boys. For information and tickets, visit online at: www.pintsintheparkwaco.com.

Art on Elm Avenue:

Art on Elm Avenue, a free pop-up art exhibition on historic Elm Avenue, is back this year on Saturday, April 9. Brought to you by Waco Cultural Arts Fest and local sponsors, the event features local artists, musicians, craft & food vendors and children's activities. Feast your senses on an abundance of art, handcrafted goods, great music and a smorgasbord of food from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Good Times Guide:

The Good Times Guide is now available online (visit Parks and Rec. at www.waco-texas.com) and at City facilities like City Hall, the water office, libraries and community centers. The full-color magazine guide features a variety of outdoor and recreation programs, along with a listing of parks and upcoming events. The Guide includes information and programs for the 2016 spring and summer.

Art Contest for Students in Grades 6 through 12

Waco's storm water washes into the Brazos River and Lake Waco. Any chemicals, oils, pet waste, automotive fluids or trash that are outside when it rains get carried along with the water into the water bodies we swim in, fish in, and pull our drinking water from. To raise public awareness about why it is important to keep storm water clean when it rains, Keep Waco Beautiful, the Art Center and City of Waco Storm Water Compliance will conduct a Storm Drain Awareness Art Contest for local 6th through 12th grade students.

The top 50 submissions will be displayed in the Central Library, and the first place winner will be given a free kayak rental and a prize pack of high quality art supplies. Second and third place winners will receive prize packs. For contest details, visit the Water-Utility Services Department at www.waco-texas.com and click on the contest link under "Latest Information."

Early Voting for City Elections

The City of Waco, Waco ISD, City of Bellmead, La Vega ISD, City of Lorena, Lorena ISD and Mart ISD Joint General Election will be held on Saturday, May 7. Early Voting starts Monday, April 25 and continues through Tuesday, May 3. Early voting hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25 through April 29, with extended early voting hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 30, May 2 and May 3.

Early voting sites (Lugar principal de votación adelantada) are:

- McLennan County Elections Office, 214 North 4th St. Suite 300
- First Assembly of God Church, 6701 Bosque Boulevard
- Bellmead City Hall, 3015 Bellmead Dr.

Voters must show an acceptable form of ID when voting in person (a list can be found on the City of Waco Elections website. *(Se requerirá que el votante muestre una forma de identificación con foto en el sitio electoral antes que se le permita votar. Una lista de identificación está en la página de la elección de la Ciudad).* Voter registration applications are available at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall, the Waco-McLennan County Libraries, Dept. of Public Safety Office, and the McLennan County Elections Office. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 750-5750 or visit www.waco-texas.com and then click on "Elections."

Las aplicaciones para registrarse para votar están disponibles en las siguientes localizaciones: la oficina de la secretaria de municipal, las bibliotecas de la ciudad y el condado (Waco-McLennan County Libraries), en la oficina del departamento de seguridad pública (Dept. of Public Safety), y la oficina electoral del condado McLennan (the McLennan County Elections Office). Para más información, llame a la oficina de la secretaria de la ciudad (City Secretary's Office): 750-5750 o visite por la Internet la página de la ciudad: www.waco-texas.com y haga clic en Elections.

Spring Fun at Your Local Libraries

There's always something fun for every age at the Waco-McLennan County Library! The activities below are only a SMALL portion of what the library has going on this spring. For a complete calendar, visit wacolibrary.org or see the City Calendar at waco-texas.com.

Storytimes: Preschoolers enjoy stories, crafts, songs and treats each week at 10:30 a.m. at these locations: Wed: West Waco Library; Thurs: Central Library; Fri: South Waco Library.

April 01- Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime at South Waco Library at 11:30 a.m.

April 09- Crafty Kids Spring Fling, 1:30 p.m. at Central Library: Ages 6 to 11 create spring wreaths, newspaper hats & more, free! Register online at wacolibrary.org.

April 10- Block Party (free, for ages 1 to 4) 1:30 p.m. at Central Library Call 750-5941.

April 11- Brown Bag Lunch with Genealogy (free) at noon, at West Waco Library. For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

April 14- Sensory Storytime (free) for special needs children ages 3-12 at 4 p.m., at West Waco Library. For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

April 14- TED Talk at the Library: "How Does Your Brain Work?" (free) at 7 p.m., at West Waco Library For more information: Call 745-6018.

April 16- LEGO Lab (free) at 1:30 p.m., at Central Library. For more information: Call 750-5941.

April 16- Grants Workshop: "Intro to Proposal Writing" (free) at 10 a.m., at Central Library. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

April 16- Minecraft Club (free) for ages 11-15 at 2 p.m., at Central Library. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

April 21- Kids' Computer Class (free) at 5:30 p.m., at West Waco Library. Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

Enjoy all of the Waco City Cable Channel programs anywhere, anytime in full HD from any computer, tablet, smart phone or other mobile device. Visit the WCCC.TV web channel at www.wccc.tv.



Celebrate at the Zoo

Primate Birthday Party: Sat., April 2; 10 a.m. Cameron Park Zoo is home to many primates. Come enjoy keeper talks, training sessions and birthday parties with some of our resident primates.

National Bat Appreciation Day: Sun., April 17, 11 a.m. Enjoy keeper talks and learn all about bats.

Party for the Planet: Sat., April 23; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come "Party for the Planet" at the zoo's Earth Day celebration. Tour the zoo and talk with exhibitors from conservation groups throughout our area. There will be fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. We will also be celebrating the black bears who call Cameron Park Zoo their home.

Join the Pride: Sun., April 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Waco Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Cameron Park Zoo, and 20+ state and local organizations are raising awareness about the special abilities of people with disabilities. Attend zoo presentations and receive information from organizations that serve people with disabilities.

KidZoobilee: Sat., May 7, 5 to 8 p.m. Save the Date for Cameron Park Zoo's annual fundraiser, KidZoobilee, presented by H-E-B. The celebration will feature zip lines, water games, bounce games, a rock climbing wall, face painting, and Karaoke. KidZoobilee is for children 2 years of age to 14 years of age. Enjoy great food from Waco restaurants, plus lots of soft drinks and water.

Purchase tickets April 2 through May 7: Child \$25 each; Adult \$10 each. Purchase online at cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents or in the Zootique gift shop at Cameron Park Zoo. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.) Entertainment, food, and soft drinks are included with the ticket price.

For more information visit us online at cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents or call the zoo at 750-8423.