

July Neighborhood Association Meetings

Monday, July 11

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

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

Thursday, July 21

Landon Branch Meeting, 6 p.m. dinner; 6:30 meeting
@ Uncle Dan's (1001 Lake Air @ Valley Mills Dr.)

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

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Keep Waco Beautiful will host its quarterly Brazos River cleanup on Saturday, July 16th from 8:30-10:30. Registration will begin at 8:00 at the Bicycle World Rental Truck. Kayaks & canoes will be available as a first come, first served basis. Keep Waco Beautiful will provide all cleanup materials. Come on out and help clean up the river for the Waco Triathlon event. For more information or questions, contact Ashley Millerd at 254-750-5728 or email: kwacob@gmail.com.

Cameron Park Zoo Events

Cameron Park Zoo's July celebrations include keeper talks, an up-close look at animals, and conservation information.

National Zookeeper Week, July 17-23
Keeper talks daily at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

World Snake Day, July 16
10:00 a.m. to noon

Intl. Tiger Day, July 29
10 a.m. to noon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

4	4th on the Brazos Concert & Fireworks
5	City Council Meeting *
6	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
19	City Council Meeting *
24	Tri-Waco Triathlon
26	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.

Join the "Okay to Say" Movement

It's okay to say a loved one has breast cancer; it should be okay to say a loved one lives with anxiety. It's okay to say "I was wounded in battle," and it should be okay to say "I have PTSD." It's okay to say you have allergies; it should be okay to say you have depression.

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District urges everyone to join the "Okay to Say" movement in Texas to help increase public awareness about mental health issues and services in Texas, and eliminate discrimination and stereotypes surrounding this treatable disease. As with any medical condition, it should be okay to say you or a loved one has a mental illness. Your stories or support can inspire others to speak out and learn more about mental health.

Join the Movement by signing the online pledge (okaytosay.org) to help eliminate discrimination and stereotypes. Share your personal story on the community wall and add a photo if you choose. By talking openly about your experience, you can inspire others to support the Okay to Say movement and encourage people with mental illness to seek treatment.

Find information and links on the okaytosay.org website to learn more about mental illness and access to care in Texas, and help grow the movement in your community by sharing what you know and getting others involved.

Waco Water Quality Report is Here

The City of Waco's 2015 Water Quality Report is here. Customers will see a message on their water bills about how to access the report online. Copies will be available at City Hall, the Water Office and library branches. The annual Water Quality Report lists any contaminants found in the drinking water as well as disinfectant levels throughout the previous year. The report also contains conservation tips, project and program updates, and other relevant information about the water system.



WACO City Limits

JULY 2016

The City of Waco wishes all of our Central Texas family a safe, happy Independence Day.

Fourth on the Brazos: New Location!

The City of Waco and H-E-B invite Central Texans to join the annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration on Monday, July 4. Each year, more than 15,000 people celebrate the Fourth of July with live music, family fun and the H-E-B Fireworks Extravaganza. This year's event will be held along the Brazos River at Touchdown Alley, next to Baylor's McLane Stadium.

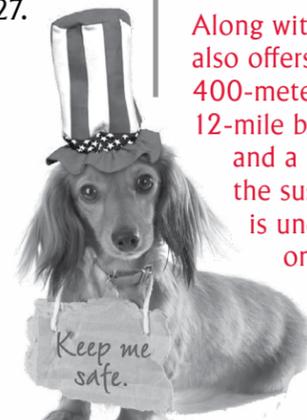
The festivities begin at 7 p.m. with the annual Corndog Classic followed by Big Sam's Funky Nation. Led by trombone powerhouse, Big Sam Williams, the group is a stellar mix of world class musicians who perform fab funk. The Waco Community Band will perform a patriotic set at 9 p.m. and the night will conclude with the HEB Firework show over the Brazos River at 9:15 p.m. Event parking will be available at McLane Stadium and the Ferrell Center.

Fourth on the Brazos also includes a food court with a variety of food and drink vendors and free arts and craft area. Pack your coolers, blankets and chairs, but leave your tents, pets, glass bottles, grills, and fireworks at home. For more information, visit www.brazosnightswaco.com or call 750-5627.

Fireworks Safety Tips for Pets

On July 5th, shelters are flooded with pets that panicked due to fireworks and fled into the night, getting lost, hurt, or worse. Protect your pets with these tips:

- 1) Microchip your pets for easy ID
- 2) Keep current pet photos
- 3) Keep pets indoors on the 4th
- 4) Give them plenty of exercise early in the day on the 4th
- 5) Give them a favorite toy or treat during fireworks
- 6) Play soft music for them to cover the sound of firecrackers
- 7) Never allow pets near fireworks of any kind, not even sparklers



Tri-Waco

The Waco Chamber of Commerce will present Tri-Waco on Sunday, July 24 at Indian Spring Park.

Tri-Waco, a USA Triathlon sanctioned Olympic distance event, starts with a 1500-meter open water swim in the Brazos River followed by a 25-mile bike ride on country roads north and west of Waco. Finishing out the race is a hilly 10-kilometer run along the Brazos River that leads to one of the oldest suspension bridges in the United States.

Along with the Triathlon, the race also offers a great beginner Sprint: a 400-meter swim in the Brazos River, a 12-mile bike ride along country roads and a 5-kilometer run finishing on the suspension bridge. Registration is underway and costs vary based on type of event.

For more information, visit Tri-Waco online at: www.triwaco.org.

Special Library Events in July: Mark Your Calendars!

July 9 – GRAND REOPENING PARTY for the new, improved East Waco Library. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., come to East Waco Library (901 Elm Ave.) and tour the new facility, find out about library services and have free food & fun with other community members. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

July 18 – GENEALOGY BROWN BAG LUNCH: Privacy vs Connecting to Your Family Tree (Process/Procedures of District Adoption Records). Come to West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) with a sack lunch at noon for this free mini-workshop. Hear Jon Gimble, McLennan County District Clerk, describe the process and procedures associated with adoption records. Find out what's available and what's restricted; who to ask and what to request. For more information: Call 750-5945 or visit wacolibrary.org.

July 30 – INTRO TO GENEALOGY RESOURCES – Get a quick (free!) intro to electronic resources to help you on your ancestry journey! Bring your own device or use the library computers at East Waco Library at 10 a.m. to practice your new skills. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org

Meet Henry!

One of Texas' iconic creatures meets the legendary Texas Rangers with Ranger Henry Toad.

This 11" plush toy is ready to take on the outlaws sporting his silverbelly hat, vest, and wearing the iconic badge of the Rangers. Henry is a Limited edition toy, and sold only at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, for \$17.95 Please call 750-8631 for more information.

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.



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 Touchdown Alley, next to Baylor's McLane Stadium.

To keep citizens and property safe, the City of Waco's fireworks ordinance will be enforced. It is a violation of City ordinances to possess, use, manufacture, sell, give away, transport or discharge fireworks in city limits of Waco or within 5,000 feet of the city limits without a permit from the fire marshal. The ordinance prohibits the possession of fireworks by a minor.

Fireworks allowed in the city limits without a permit are smoke bombs, "snakes," "snap & pops," sparklers and champagne poppers. Fireworks sold by retail stores in Waco, like WalMart, Target, etc., are allowed. Fireworks purchased at stands outside the city limits (except items above) are illegal to use or own.



Waco Transit Summer Fun Pass

The Summer Fun Pass is now available for kids K through 12th grades (with a valid Waco Transit Student ID) at Waco Transit, 301 S. 8th St. A one-time \$30 fee* provides unlimited rides on city buses all summer long, transfers included! Students can enjoy shopping, movies, local parks and attractions anytime with a Fun Pass. Get a group together at the terminal and Waco Transit can shuttle you all to Hawaiian Falls, and with a Fun Pass, admission to the Falls is only \$13.99 Sunday through Thursday. Also, when you buy your Fun Pass, get the FREE RideSystems App, which tracks your bus, letting you know where it is at all times. For more information, call 750-1900 or visit Waco Transit at www.wacotransitsystem.com.

*Waco Transit ID required at additional \$5 charge.



Protect Yourself From Zika Virus (& Other Mosquito Borne Illness)

Risk

Anyone who lives in or travels to an area where Zika virus is found and has not already been infected with Zika virus can get it from mosquito bites. The most current list of the areas endemic with Zika can be found on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov).

Transmission

- Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species (A. aegypti and A. albopictus) mosquito. These mosquitoes typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases. They prefer to bite people, and live indoors and outdoors near people.
- Zika virus can be spread by a man to his sex partners.
- A pregnant woman can pass Zika virus to her fetus during pregnancy. Zika is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects. To date, there are no reports of infants getting Zika virus through breastfeeding

Prevention

Enjoy the outdoors, but remember to protect yourself, your family, and your pets from mosquito-borne diseases. Your best defense against being bitten is simply to be prepared by taking the following precautions:

- When outdoors, prevent mosquito bites by using an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains one of the following: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Follow all product instructions.
- When weather permits, wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks. For infants, place mosquito netting over infant carriers, cribs, and strollers.
- Don't feed the storm drain. Sweep lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways.
- Once a week, empty, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside. Use your air conditioning, if possible.

If you plan to visit an area with Zika or are returning to the U.S. from an area with Zika, you should take additional steps to prevent mosquito bites and Zika transmission. Visit www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention for additional information.



For more information and updates on Zika Virus visit the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District online at: www.wacomclennanphd.org; or DSHS at: www.TexasZika.org; or the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/zika.

IMPORTANT!

The Solid Waste Offices, Cobbs Recycling Center and the Landfill will be closed Monday, July 4. Monday's trash will be collected on Wednesday, July 6.



Library Summer Fun

July 10 is the first day for Summer Reading Club members to turn in their reading logs for prizes! All logs need to be turned in before July 31.

Summer Showcase, for ages 11 and under, features magicians, plays, puppet shows, science experiments and animal shows. Check out the amazing lineup below. A printable schedule of events is available online at www.wacolibrary.org.

- BaGar Theatre: "Anansi"
- Eulenspiegel Puppets: "Fisherman & His Wife"
- Puppeteer Nancy Worcester
- Puppeteer Sandy Shrout: "3 Little Pigs (Texas Style)"
- Todd McKinney: the "Magic Man"
- Zooniversity
- Austin Reptile Show
- Storyteller Kathy Culmer
- Gusto "the Great": Magician
- Lucas Miller: The Singing Zoologist
- Lisa Jastram: My Garden of Books

Angel Paws Reading Buddies lets kids read to trained therapy dogs (a great reading motivator, self-esteem booster for reluctant or struggling readers). The 20-minute sessions are offered on Wed. mornings at Central Library starting at 10:30 a.m., and on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Call 750-5952 for a reservation.

Summer Events for Teens: There is always FUN for middle & high school aged students at the library! A calendar with dates, locations & times is available at www.wacolibrary.org. Check out some of these awesome activities:

- Unplugged Game Day – go "screenless" and play one of our NEW board games!
- Tron Movie Day – Crafts, snacks & a movie!
- Library Arcade Day – Wii U, Ps4 & more! Get your game on!
- Star Wars Movie Marathon
- Life Sized Game Day – get in the game with giant Jenga & more!
- Lunar Golf – meet at the mall for a glowing golf event!
- Game Show Day and MORE!