

## May Neighborhood Association Meetings

### Monday, May 9

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

### Thursday, May 19

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

### Monday, May 23

Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.  
@ Sul Ross Center (15th St. and Waco Dr.)

### Tuesday, May 24

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

## Sertoma Kite Festival

The Sertoma Kite Festival is a free family event that includes live music, a miniature aircraft demo, games, kite vendors, hula hoop contests, bounce houses, prize wheel/raffles, clowns, candy drops, Kiteman and his sidekicks, food vendors, and more. Plus, 100 kites will be given away!

The festival is on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heart of Texas Miniature Aircraft Field near Speegleville Park.

The festival offers free fun for the whole family, and the net proceeds from this event remain right here in central Texas to help deaf and hard of hearing children through hearing aids, scholarships, etc.

For more information, please call the Heart of Texas Sertoma Club at 776-0947.

## More Library Activities

**FREE Tutoring** - Tutoring for grades K-8 is offered at the library. Bring your homework for a little extra help! Tutoring starts at 4 p.m. on Mondays at West Waco Library and Tuesdays & Wednesdays at Central Library.

**Chess Club on Saturdays** - Learning chess for the first time or want to get better? Join us at Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) on Saturdays at 1 p.m. to practice and get pointers. Chess Club is for ages 7-18 and is free. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**Scrabble Club on Saturdays** - Are you great with words? Ages 7 to 18 are invited to learn how to play or show off an impressive vocabulary on Saturdays at Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) at 1 p.m. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit online at wacolibrary.org.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

3	City Council Meeting *
4	Building Standards Commission Mtg.
7	City of Waco General Election
8	Mother's Day
17	City Council Meeting *
24	Plan Commission Meeting *
30	Memorial Day (City Holiday)

\* 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](http://www.waco-texas.com).

## Free May Library Activities for Adults

**May 5 Scambusters** - Learn to recognize and avoid scams like tax scams and identity theft with Adam Price of the Better Business Bureau at 6 p.m. at West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information, call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 16 Brown Bag Lunch with Genealogy** - Kristi DeCluitt, Criminal Justice Program Analyst for McLennan County, will discuss how you can find and access coroner's inquest records and how to "dig deeper" to find more information about your ancestors found in these records. Bring a lunch to enjoy while you learn at noon at West Waco Library & Genealogy Center (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information, call 750-5945 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 18 Gone Graphic Reading Club** - Enjoy a favorite Manga, Graphic Novel, or Comic book. Catch a super hero movie, test your knowledge on trivia, or learn about new graphic novels at the library. Be in on the ground floor for a new club for ages 16+! The club meets at 7 p.m. at Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) For more information, call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 21 Genealogy Beginners' Class** - The Waco-McLennan County Library together with the Central Texas Genealogical Society will sponsor a Beginner's Genealogy Class on May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.). The class 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 Terry Downes of CTGS and Bill Buckner from the WMCL. For more information, call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

## Military Appreciation @ Ranger Museum

From Saturday through Monday, May 28 through 30, during Memorial weekend, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum honors our nation's heroes with Military Appreciation Weekend. Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation - medals, service records, photographs are accepted). For more information, please visit [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org).

## Police Memorial Run

Join in the Waco Police Memorial 5k or 10k run to benefit the Police Association. The annual race begins at Redwood Shelter in Cameron Park at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Runners can pick up packets starting at 7:15 a.m. The run is sponsored by the Waco Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

The cost for registration is \$25 per runner before May 6, or \$30 per runner after May 6. Signup online at: [runsignup.com/race/tx/waco/wacopolicememorialrun](http://runsignup.com/race/tx/waco/wacopolicememorialrun). For more information, call 750-1764.



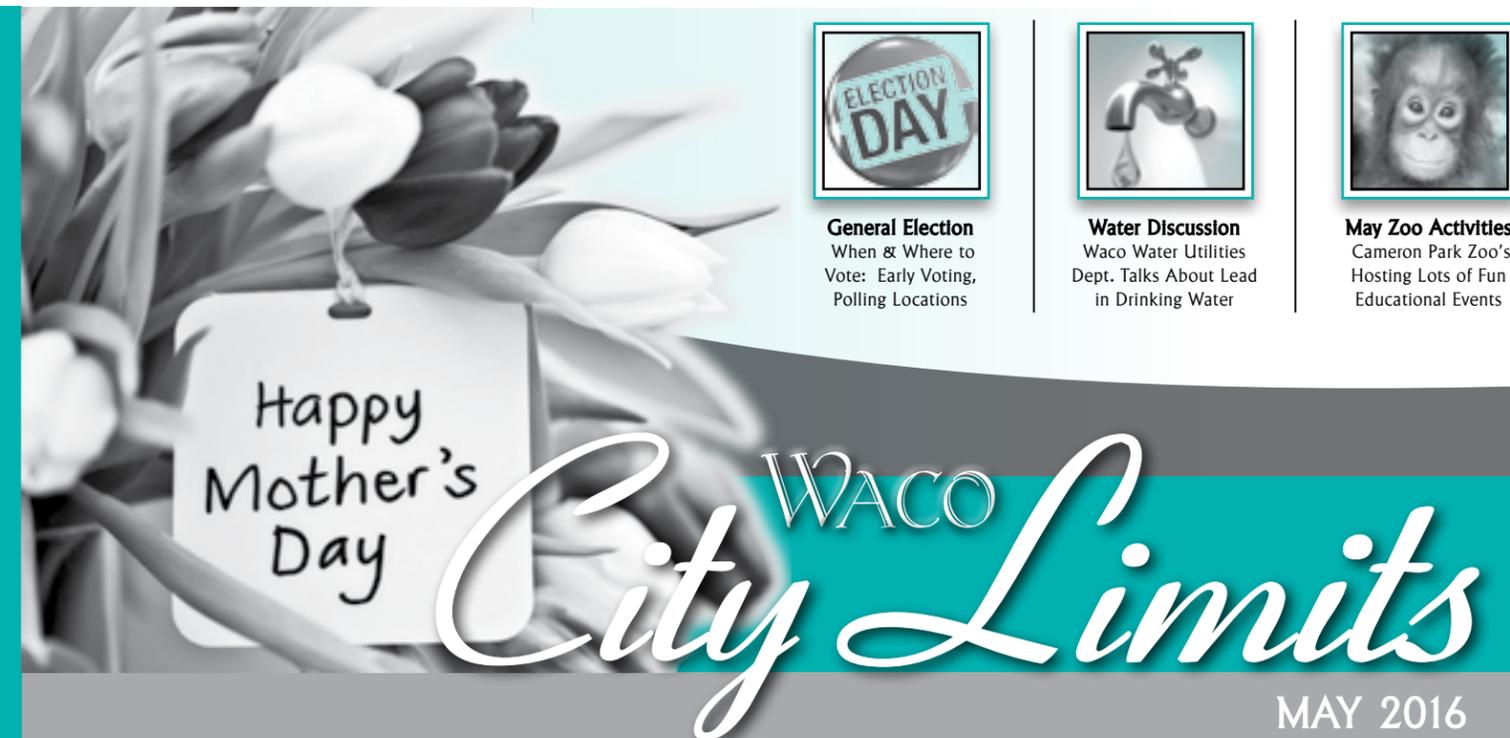
**General Election**  
When & Where to Vote: Early Voting, Polling Locations



**Water Discussion**  
Waco Water Utilities Dept. Talks About Lead in Drinking Water



**May Zoo Activities**  
Cameron Park Zoo's Hosting Lots of Fun Educational Events



The City of Waco would like to wish our Central Texas moms a very HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

## May Library Calendar: Kids & Teens

**May 2 Mother's Day Tea Party** - Celebrate Mother's Day at the Library! Bring your mother, grandmother or the special lady in your life to enjoy the tea exhibit and leave with a special gift. Cost: Free; Time: 10:30 a.m.; Location: Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 3 Pizza & a book Club** - Come have a slice of Pizza and discuss your favorite books. Every month we'll select a theme for next month's discussion. For ages 11-15. Cost: Free; Time: 4 p.m.; Location: West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 12 Sensory Storytime** - A storytime for special needs children ages 3-12 Cost: Free; Time: 4:30 p.m.; Location: West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 12 Anime Club** - Come watch anime, do anime-related crafts, have a snack, and meet other teens with interests you share! For ages 11-15. Cost: Free; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 14 VolunTEEN Fair** - Be a volunteer this summer! The WMCL VolunTEEN program is for anyone 14-17 and offers opportunities to volunteer in our summer programs like Children's Summer Showcase and Angel Paws Reading. Volunteers can earn community service hours and have fun! Cost: Free; Time: 11 a.m.; Location: West Waco Library (5301 Bosque Blvd.) For more information: Call 745-6018 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 15 Block Party** - You're invited to the Block Party. Create using big blocks and manipulatives. For ages 1-4. Cost: Free; Time: 1:30 p.m.; Location: Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 21 LEGO Lab** - Join us for a LEGO adventure! Here's a chance to get connected with other LEGO-heads and build great things at the library. Cost: Free; Time: 1:30 p.m.; Location: Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

**May 21 Minecraft Club** - Come build and mine the library realm - Land of the Dragonborn. Bring your own computer or use one of ours. For ages 11-15. Cost: Free; Time: 2 p.m.; Location: Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

## Storytimes

Storytimes at the libraries are free, and perfect for ages 3 to 6 years old. They take place at 10:30 a.m. on these days: Wed: West Waco; Thurs: Central; Fri: South Waco.

**May 4-6 Cinco De Mayo Storytime** - Celebrate the unlikely victory of the Mexican underdogs at Puebla with stories, songs and crafts!

**May 6 Bilingual Storytime** - Fun for Spanish speakers, at 11:30 a.m. at South Waco Library

**May 11-13 Treasure Awaits You!** - Set sail on a quest for fine treasures with stories, songs and crafts about pirates, princes and princesses!

**May 18-20 On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!** - Gear up for the race with all your favorite books! Enjoy stories, songs and crafts!

## Toddler Time

Toddler Time is a wonderful free storytime geared for the interests and attention span of 1 to 2 year olds.

Toddler Time is held weekly on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Central Library. Toddler Time helps 1 to 2 year olds increase language development and pre-literacy skills. For more information: Call 750-5941 or visit wacolibrary.org.

## KidZoobilee Set for Saturday, May 7

Cameron Park Zoo's annual fundraiser, KidZoobilee, is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. This year's celebration will feature zip lines, water games, bounce games, a rock climbing wall, face painting and Karaoke. KidZoobilee is for children 2 to 14 years old, accompanied by an adult. Great food and soft drinks (plus water) will be provided by Waco area restaurants.

Purchase tickets online at [cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents](http://cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents) or in the Zootique Gift Shop. Child tickets are \$25, and adult tickets are \$10 each. All entertainment, food, and drinks are included with the ticket price. For more information call the zoo at 254-750-8423.



## Zoo Activities in May

Cameron Park Zoo is hosting a variety of educational days in May, with keeper talks and fascinating information:

### Missing Orangutan Mom's Event

Sunday, May 8, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Endangered Species Day

Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### World Turtle Day

Monday, May 23, Keeper talks — 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### International Otter Day

Friday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)

### Pink Flamingo Day

Sunday, May 29, Keeper talks — 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Summer Camp Sign-up

Take the worry out of where to send the kids for a super summer! Each of the City of Waco's community centers hosts Summer Camps for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Campers will enjoy participating in various recreational activities such as playing in the game room, arts & crafts, gym activities, nature walks, kayaking, archery, tennis, fishing and fun field trips, too.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Waco I.S.D., and there are three sessions available, with varying associated costs.

For more information, please call the centers at: Bledsoe-Miller Community Center at 254-750-8684; South Waco Community Center at 254-750-8685; or Dewey Community Center at 254-750-8677.

## City of Waco General Election Polling Locations

The City of Waco Election for City Council District I and III will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Registered voters can cast their Election Day votes at ANY of the following Vote Centers listed below from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (*Las elecciones generales de la Ciudad de Waco para miembros del consejo del Distrito I y Distrito III se llevarán a cabo el sábado 7 de mayo, 2016. Los votantes registrados podrán emitir su voto en el Día de Elección en CUALQUIERA de los Centros de Votación listados a continuación de 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.*)

BELLMEAD CIVIC CENTER, 3900 Parrish St., Waco, TX 76705

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 6701 Bosque Blvd., Waco, TX 76710

G.W. CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1601 J.J. Flewellen Road, Waco, TX

LORENA CITY HALL, 107-A S. Frontage Road, Lorena, TX 76655

MCC CONFERENCE CENTER, 4601 N. 19th Street, Waco, TX 76708

MHMR CENTER FOR DEV. SERVICES, 3420 W. Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76710

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 9301 Pantherway, Waco, TX 76712

TENNYSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 6100 Tennyson Drive, Waco, TX 76710

WACO CONVENTION CENTER, 100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 76701

WACO MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1020 Elm Street, Waco, TX 76704

Office at 750-5750 or visit the City of Waco Web Site at [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) and look for the link to the City Elections. (*Para la lista de los formas aceptables de identificación con foto, y ejemplos de la boleta, comuníquese a la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad al 750-5750 o visite el sitio de la Web de la Ciudad de Waco [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) y busque el enlace a las Elecciones de la Ciudad.*)



## Brazos Nights Cinco de Mayo Festival

The City of Waco's summer concert series continues on May 6 with the annual Cinco de Mayo festival. Presented by La Ley 104.1 and Metro PCS, the event will feature a mix of regional Mexican music from Flaco Jimenez and Los Texmaniacs. Come enjoy good times and great music in Indian Spring Park starting at 7 p.m.

The concert series will continue on June 10 with Old 97s and Shinyribs. The concerts will conclude on July 4th with Big Sam's Funky Nation and a firework extravaganza at Touchdown Alley at McLane Stadium. For more information, please visit [www.brazosnightswaco.com](http://www.brazosnightswaco.com).

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

On Saturday, May 7 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the cities of Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, Lorena, Waco and Woodway will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection event at 501 Schroeder Dr. Residents from the five participating cities may bring unwanted household chemicals, small electronics, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and CFLs, up to 10 tires off the rims, oil and paint to the collection site for proper disposal or recycling. Residents must bring a driver's license and water bill from their city of residence. Waste from county residents will not be accepted. **NEW THIS YEAR** – residents of the participating cities can bring unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals and medicines for proper disposal. Please be prepared to wait in line. For more information, call Waco Solid Waste Services at (254) 299-2612.

## Team Waco Summer Track Starts

Team Waco Summer Track program starts on May 20. Sign your kids up now for the City of Waco's annual Summer Track Program. Team Waco is open to youth ages 5 to 18 years. Participants practice on weekdays and compete at track meets on weekends. Team Waco instructors include local college athletes and coaches. For more information, please call 750-5875.

## Veggie Van is Mobile Farmers Market

The Veggie Van is a mobile farmers market selling fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods from our farm and other area farmers. The van stops all over Waco, especially in areas far from grocery stores. The Veggie Van is for everyone, and as we work to make Waco a healthier place for all, we need everyone shopping at the Veggie Van to ensure that it will be sustainable for years to come. Lone Star (SNAP) is accepted and those eligible for SNAP and Senior Citizens receive 50% off produce, thanks to a grant from the Belmont Foundation through Caritas of Waco. For a full schedule and other information, visit online: [worldhungerrelief.org/veggie-van](http://worldhungerrelief.org/veggie-van), or call (254)-799-5611.

## Healthy Cooking Demonstrations

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is bringing healthy cooking demonstrations to the Waco Downtown Farmers Market, at 400 S. University Parks Dr. On Saturday, May 7, there will be cooking demonstrations throughout the day (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) by Juanita Barrientos of Happy Harvest.

On May 21, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market will host Leanne Brown, author of the cookbook *Eat Good & Cheap*. Her cookbook outlines how to eat well on \$4/day. She will also be conducting demos throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Solid Waste Offices, Cobbs Recycling Center and the Landfill will be closed. Monday's trash will be collected on Wednesday, June 1.



## Waco Drinking Water Keeping the Lead Out

The Waco Water Utility Department has followed the events that unfolded in Flint, Michigan. Our thoughts are with all those struggling without access to safe, reliable water in their homes. In the US, no one should have to question the safety of water at the tap. Those of us involved in managing, cleaning and delivering water share a solemn obligation to protect public health.

Though we have no first-hand information about what occurred in Flint, it seems clear from all accounts that when the City of Flint switched its water supply source, it did not take the required steps to manage water chemistry. The new water was much more corrosive and caused lead to leach from service lines and home plumbing – lead that ended up in water coming out of the taps.

We want to reassure you that the kind of incident that occurred in Flint is very unlikely here, because Waco participates in regular monitoring programs designed to evaluate drinking water for lead contamination and manage corrosion control, including:

- Annual monitoring of final treated water prior to entry into the water distribution system
- Interval monitoring to evaluate lead in select locations (50 sites throughout the water distribution system)
- Quarterly evaluation of multiple water quality tests for locations in the distribution system to determine potential for leaching of lead from plumbing systems (determines the corrosive index of the water based on alkalinity, pH, conductivity, temperature, and calcium assessments)

It's important to understand that lead does not come from the treatment plants and water mains; it can come from lead service lines running between the water main in the street and the home. There are some lead service lines remaining in our system, but these are fewer all the time. Whenever city staff discovers a lead service line, it is immediately removed and replaced. The other place lead can come from is plumbing inside the home. Almost all home faucets are made from brass and that brass can contain up to 8 percent lead.

If you are a property owner, there are steps you can take to further address potential risks from lead in water. Lead service lines and plumbing are typically only present in older homes, but brass faucets, with up to 8 percent lead, can be found in newer homes. A certified plumber can tell you for sure if you have a lead service line, check for lead solders in your internal pipes and look for fixtures containing lead.

You can find more guidance on lead in drinking water at [www.DrinkTap.org](http://www.DrinkTap.org).