

February Neighborhood Association Meetings

Thursday, February 3
North East Riverside General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Cumberland Presbyterian Church
(620 DeShong Smith St.)
Questions, Transportation call 744-1389.

Monday, February 7
Dean Highland General Meeting, 7 p.m.
@ Highland Baptist Church Annex
(3020 Maple Ave.)

Monday, February 21
Kendrick Re-Organization Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
@ (to be announced)

Tuesday, February 22
Brook Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Dewey Center (925 N. 9th St.)
Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m.
@ Carver Academy Library (1601 Flewellen Rd.)

Show the Earth Some Love



The Earth needs all the love it can get. Valentines month is the perfect time to love our planet. Why not start recycling today? It's EASY to get started. Visit the City's website at www.waco-texas.com and click on "Solid Waste" under the City Departments heading.

A Book Sale "Thank You"

The Waco-McLennan Co. Library and Friends of the Library wish to thank the community and all of the sponsors for their help in making the 2010 book sale a tremendous success. A huge Thank You to members of the Booksale Committee, to Book Table and Cart Sponsors, Food Sponsors, and many more for their help and contributions.

For a complete list of Book Sale contributors, please log onto: www.waco-texas.com/cms-library and click on "Booksale."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

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| 1 | City Council Meeting * |
| 2 | Building Standards Commission Mtg. |
| 14 | Valentine's Day |
| 15 | City Council Meeting * |
| 22 | Plan Commission Meeting * |

* Replayed weekly on WCCC-TV Cable Channel 10 and available for viewing on the City Web site. A more complete calendar is available online at www.waco-texas.com

Eat Well Waco Program

The Waco-McLennan Co. Public Health District has initiated a new community health program called "Eat Well Waco." The goal of the program is to improve nutrition options in restaurants, and to empower consumers to make healthier choices when dining out.



The program is designed to work with restaurants to highlight healthy options for their customers, and to support and promote restaurants that offer healthy food choices.

When you see the Eat Well Waco logo on a restaurant door, you can be assured that it is a clean and safe environment that offers healthy menu items. Healthy entrees and dishes will be highlighted for convenience. Any restaurant, from fast food to fine dining, is eligible to apply for certification. Some participating restaurants include D's Mediterranean Grill, located at 1503 Colcord Ave., and The Epicurean, at 400 S. 4th Street.

For a list of more participating restaurants and criteria, please visit the Health District's website at www.waco-texas.com/cms-healthdepartment. Check back often, as new restaurants will be updated regularly. For questions or comments, please contact Margo at margos@ci.waco.tx.us.

The Mating Game at Cameron Park Zoo

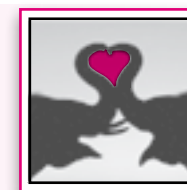


Give your Valentine a unique gift this year and attend Cameron Park Zoo's annual "Mating Game" on Monday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a wonderful evening that includes dinner, champagne (must be 21 to enjoy) and a behind the scenes tour. Learn the "mating rituals" of different animals and other fun facts.

The evening is for adults 18 years or older, and is \$100 per couple. Starting February 1, call 254-750-8467 to make your reservation. Reservations are limited, on a first come, first serve basis. All funds benefit the education department at Cameron Park Zoo.



City Elections
Get Ready to Cast Your Votes in the General Election



The Mating Game
A Wild & Wonderful Valentine's Date at Cameron Park Zoo



Eat Well Waco
A Delicious, Nutritious Program Involving Local Restaurants



The City of Waco wishes all of our Waco-Central Texas family a Happy Valentines Day!

Keep Up With the City You Love

The City of Waco's Municipal Information Department is proud to bring citizens a new, convenient way to keep up with the City's latest news...

Now anyone, anywhere in the world, can keep up with the latest breaking news from the City of Waco, thanks to a newly added feature on the City's website and on the Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-TV).

Many days, the City might issue from 3 to 5 releases, and often the media does not pass along the news to their readers and viewers. Now, with the City of Waco's new Press Release feature, everyone can view up-to-the-minute press releases sent out by the City in a variety of formats.

For Internet users, simply visit the City's website at www.waco-texas.com and click on "News and Information" in the green bar at the top of the page, then scroll down to "Press Release Archive." City press releases are conveniently listed by date and topic. A "Notify Me" option will alert subscribers each time a new press release is added.

Internet users will also be able to enjoy receiving City Press Release updates via Twitter and Facebook. Follow us on Twitter at "cityofwaco" for breaking City news, and become a fan of "City of Waco - Public Information" on Facebook for updates including press releases, YouTube videos, helpful links and more.

WCCC-TV viewers can access City press releases by watching the "City Beat" news report, featured several times per day on the Waco City Cable Channel, on the channels listed on page 2. A weekly program schedule can be accessed on the City's website by clicking on "Watch WCCC-TV."

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Turning 30

Waco Crime Stoppers is celebrating a very special birthday. On March 1st, 2011, Waco Crime Stoppers will reach its 30th birthday. The award-winning organization empowers communities to get involved in the fight against crime.

To celebrate the program's outstanding contribution in our Central Texas community, a 30th Anniversary Banquet will be held on Tues., March 1 at the MCC Conference Center. There will be a "meet and greet" at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., with presentations starting at 7 p.m.

The banquet's guest speaker will be Judge Richard W. Carter, Director of Legal Services for Crime Stoppers USA. Waco Crime Stoppers officials will honor media partners and members of the community who have contributed to the success of the Waco Crime Stoppers program.

Come celebrate 30 great years of Waco Crime Stoppers. For details or to purchase tickets (\$15 each), call 750-1763.

WATCH US LIVE!

The Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-TV) is now offered in live streaming video on our City of Waco website at www.waco-texas.com. Now, viewers can conveniently enjoy the same great programming offered on WCCC-TV on their computers, too -- in high definition.

City Elections Filing Deadlines

The General Election for the City of Waco and Waco Independent School District will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2011**. The first day to file for a place on the City of Waco ballot is **Monday, February 14**. Positions on the ballot include District II, IV and V. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is **Monday, March 14**.



Voter registration applications are available at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall, the Waco-McLennan County Libraries, the Department of Public Safety or the McLennan Co. Elections Office in the County Records Building. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 750-5750 or visit the City of Waco website at www.waco-texas.com. Click on City Services, then choose City Elections.

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In addition to television, viewers can also watch WCCC-TV programs LIVE on the City's website anytime, from anywhere in the world. Simply click on "Watch WCCC-TV" and then click the red "Watch Us Live" button.

With so many convenient ways to access the City's press releases, Waco citizens near and far can be the first to know about all the great things happening in the city they love.

WCCC-TV Channel Numbers

Depending on your cable service and television set, the Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-TV) can be accessed through the following channels:

Time-Warner Cable Customers:

- with cable box: Channel 10
- without cable box: Channel 10.10

Grande Communications Customers:

- analog set (with or without cable boxes): Channel 10
- in HD with cable box: Channel 810
- in HD without cable box: Channel 127.1

Miracle Match Marathon

Join the movement with the Scott & White Marrow Donor Program, Waco Firefighters Association and the City of Waco and participate in the Miracle Match Marathon. This year's event will be held on January 29 and 30 at Indian Spring Park.

Each year the Miracle Match Marathon brings thousands of participants from across the country to showcase Waco and help bridge the gap between bone marrow donors and recipients. This year, the Miracle Match Kids race, 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run will be held on Saturday and the Marathon, Half-Marathon and Marathon Relay will be held on Sunday. For more information, visit www.mmm.sw.org.

Black History Program

The Bledsoe-Miller Community Center, located at 300 MLK, will host the annual Black History Program. The program will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on February 18 and feature historical reflections, musical performances and praise dancing. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 750-8684.

Adult Spring Softball

Get a team together and sign up for the Parks and Recreation Adult Spring Softball League. Registration is open to ages 18 and up through January 28. For registration dates and more information, visit www.waco-texas.com or call 254-750-5875.

The Great Texas Warrant Roundup

Beginning in March, the City of Waco is participating in the Great Texas Warrant Roundup, along with 200 other organizations and cities across the state. If you have an outstanding fine with any law enforcement agencies in Texas, a warrant may be pending for your arrest. The Waco Police Department will join forces with over 200 law enforcement agencies to actively search for citizens who have not paid fines that are owed.

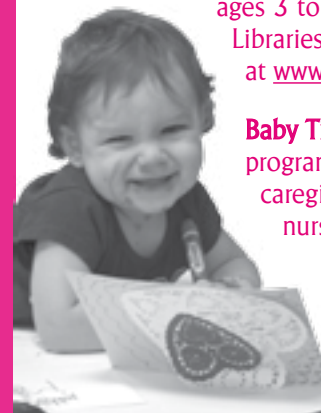
To avoid being arrested at your home, job, or wherever you may be found, or losing your Driver's License, please act immediately and pay your fines. Call the Municipal Court at 254-750-5900 to find out how, or go to the Municipal Court at 201 W. Waco Dr. You will NOT be arrested when you go to the court to pay your fine. For more information regarding the Great Texas Warrant Roundup, visit the City of Waco website at www.waco-texas.com and select "Departments," then "Municipal Court." Please act right away . . . BEFORE the law catches up with you!

Valentine Activities at the Libraries

Valentine Storytimes: Preschool Storytimes celebrating Valentine's Day and friendships will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the following locations:

- East Waco Library, 901 Elm, on Tuesday, February 8
- West Waco Library, 5301 Bosque Blvd., on Wednesday, February 9
- South Waco Library, 2737 S. 18th St., on Friday, February 11

These free programs are part of the weekly Storytime program, geared for children ages 3 to 6 years, that are held at the Waco-McLennan County Libraries. For more information, please visit the Library's website at www.wacolibraryservices.com or phone 750-5942.



Baby Times: Baby Time is a six-week series of early literacy programs that are designed for birth to 12 months of age and a caregiver. This free interactive series utilizes stories, songs, and nursery rhymes and will be held at the West Waco Library, 5301 Bosque Blvd. on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. The schedule is January 25 through March 1, and from March 22 through April 26. Space is limited for each session. Please contact Stacy Phillips at 750-5956 or stacy@ci.waco.tx.us to reserve space.

Central Library News

The Central Library will begin renovations in early spring. Library staff and materials will move to a temporary location during this period of time. Check the website at www.wacomclennancountylibrary.com for updates and the temporary library site address coming soon.

Tutoring will be available but sites for 2011 may be altered during the renovation time. Please check the website or contact Kim at 750-5974 for further information on library locations, dates and times.

John Knox Memorial Center

John Knox Texas Ranger Memorial Center is available for rentals in February! Before closing for renovations, the 20-year old banquet center hosted over 150 events a year, from proms for area high schools to corporate banquets. The center is a premium 6,500 sq. ft. facility with seating for up to 450 people.

When the citizens of Waco passed a bond issue to renovate Knox Center, a committee of citizens who utilize Knox Center for various functions and staff from the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame provided a list of recommendations for the facility to Wallace Group, the architects the committee selected for the project.

As part of the renovation, the citizens committee wanted to enhance Knox Center by incorporating a panoramic view of the Brazos River. In addition, the lighting and audiovisual systems have been significantly improved, and new furniture and fixtures are elegant. It will be the highlight of corporate dinners, parties, retreats, weddings, and other special events. Learn more about renting the facility by calling the booking office, reopening on Monday, January 24, 2011, at (254) 750-8631.

The ghost of George the Janitor of Waco Hall is said to still appear there, in his 1960's black-framed glasses and porkchop-style sideburns, scowling. Hear the intriguing story and 50 more like it on WCCC-TV's "Waco Myths & Legends" series. See them at www.waco-texas.com. Click on "Watch WCCC-TV."

FREE Tax Preparation Sites:

Dedicated local volunteers who have been specially trained are ready to help you prepare your taxes and get the refund you deserve. Visit any of these sites:

ABC Waco Tax Site at A.J. Moore Academy

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
500 N. University Parks Dr. Phone: 753-6486

NeighborWorks Waco

Monday - Thursday 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
922 Franklin Ave. Phone: 752-1647

Providence Hospital

Monday & Wednesday 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
6901 Medical Pkwy. Phone: 751-4731

South Waco Community Center

Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
2815 Speight Ave. Phone: 750-8650

West Waco Library and Genealogy Center

Tuesday 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Saturday 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
5301 Bosque, Ste. 275 Phone: 745-6018

Hewitt Community Center

Tuesday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Thursday 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
208 Chama Dr. Phone: 666-2442

Falls County Workforce Solutions Center

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, Mar. 10, Mar. 24, Apr. 14)
230 Coleman St., Marlin Phone: 883-5678

Mexia Senior Center

1st Thursdays 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7) By Appointment Only
109 N. Sherman, Mexia Phone: 562-5831

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:
Income or IRS Documentation
Official Photo ID
Social Security Card