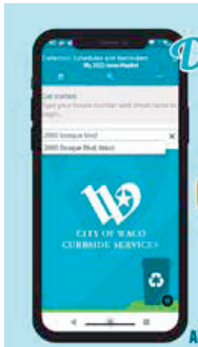
WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

Calling all art lovers!

Give us your feedback on a plan for public art in five minutes! Creative Waco and the City of Waco are working to develop Waco's first Public Art Strategic Plan. This will give direction on how to develop and maintain a dynamic city-wide public art program! One that will represent the entire community's character and hopes, creates opportunities for local artists, and addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Take the survey en espanol: creativewaco.org/public-art-strategic-plan

PUBLIC ART
STRATEGIC PLAN



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FREE WACO CURBSIDE SERVICES APP

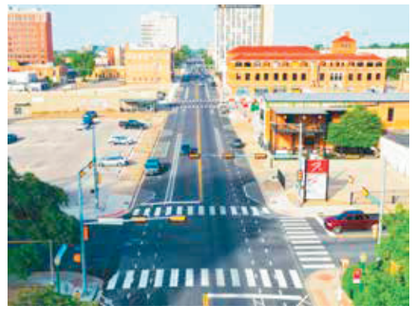
WACO-TEXAS.COM/CARTS
APPLE & ANDROID STORES

REMINDER: Download the MyWaco App & Connect with Your City!

Reach out to any department, free in the Apple & Google Play stores!

WASHINGTON AVE. IS NOW A TWO-WAY STREET

We're excited to see Washington Avenue open to two-way traffic! The conversion is from 18th st. to S. University Parks Dr. Improvements included a mill and asplalt overlay, the addition of bike lanes, curb ramp improvements and traffic signal improvements.



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Your Neighborhood & Council District!

waco-texas.com/neighborhoods

WE ARE HIRING

Apply Now

ESTAMOS CONTRATANDO

Applica ahora!

WACO FIRE DEPARTMENT

COOL the HEAT

FAN PROGRAM

HELP BY DONATING NEW FANS TO YOUR NEAREST FIRE STATION

Waco Fire has partnered with Mission Waco to distribute the fans to individuals and families who need them most.

Call our Fire Administration Office at 254-750-1740 for more information or visit waco-texas.com/fire

DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLY, THERE IS A LIMIT OF ONE FAN PER HOUSEHOLD.

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Make a Difference in Our Community

The Waco Police Department is moving forward with aggressive incentives to hire officers to join the City of Waco. Find all employment information at wacopolice.com.

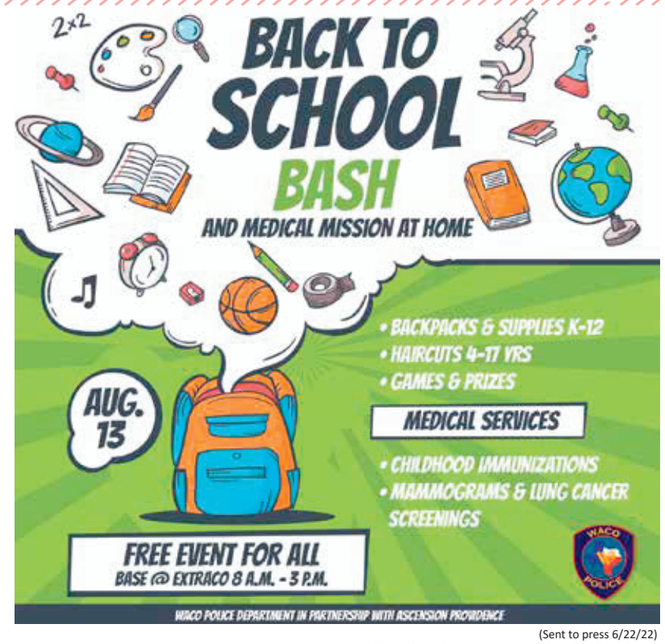
Current incentives and bonuses:

- New hire incentive at $7,500*
  ($2,500 upon graduation / $2,500 successful completion of FTO program / $2,500 after probationary period)
- Hiring incentive for out-of-state officers with over three years of LE experience at $10,000
  ($5,000 to start / $2,500 fast track (if qualified) / $2,500 1st year) – years of service credit
- Hiring incentive for TCOLE Certified at $15,000
  ($5,000 to start / $5,000 fast track completion / $5,000 1st year) – years of service credit

In addition, all new hires qualify for additional relocation expenses of up to $3,000.

*A minimum time of service will be required in order to maintain eligibility for the new hire incentive.

Did you know that the Waco Police Department is the largest police department in the Central Texas area? Currently, the department is comprised of over 260 sworn police officers and just under 100 civilian support staff who answer over 90,000 calls for service per year. Led by Waco Police Chief Sheryl Victorian, they are responsible for administering the largest general fund budget in the City at just under $42 million.



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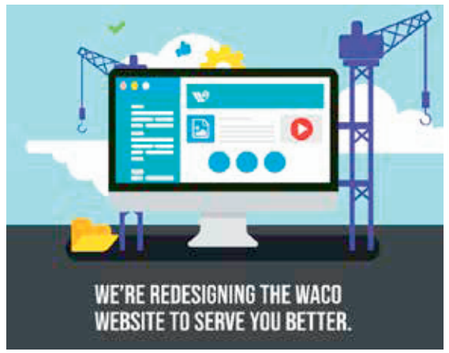
In Case You Missed It:
New Fire Engines Dedicated

Community members and very strong kiddos helped our Waco Fire Department 'push-in' three of six new fire engines at stations in town on June 6th! Fire Stations are a big part of the neighborhoods and communities they serve, so our crews were thrilled to have participation for the dedications! Waco City Council members, City management, and Sparky the Fire Dog also joined in at Stations One, Two, and 11, for short ceremonies. The additional engines should be here in late June. (Watch our social media accounts for your chance to participate in your neighborhood!) The all-new engines have enhanced features, such as lower hose beds, modern emergency lighting, and cab configurations that better meet the needs of fire personnel while responding to emergencies.

The Push-In Ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the late 1800s when fire departments used hand-drawn pumpers and horse-drawn equipment. After a fire call, the horses could not quickly back the equipment into the station after returning to the station. So, they were disconnected from the fire equipment, and firefighters would push the equipment back into the bays themselves. This practice continues as a way to dedicate new apparatus when placed in service.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

CAMERON PARK ZOO

Cameron Park Zoo is the City's second most visited attraction in Waco, and it is a City of Waco department. It rests on 52 acres near the Brazos River. Lush, native vegetation surrounds splashing waterfalls, a picturesque lake and ponds. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), the zoo upholds exceptional standards for animal care and management.

The animal care staff devotes a tremendous amount of time and energy toward providing the best of care, including training, proper nutrition, veterinary care, and life enrichment.

With natural habitats and close-up encounters, the animal collection housed at Cameron Park Zoo includes more than 1,731 animals, representing 300 species. In August of 2009, Cameron Park Zoo opened the Asian Forest, featuring critically endangered Orangutans, Sumatran tigers, and Komodo Dragons.

Cameron Park Zoo is open daily! For more information call (254) 750-8400 or visit cameronparkzoo.com.

WACO CITY ACADEMY

Apply Now!

The Waco City Academy is a FREE ten-week class offering offering a fun, interactive, behind-the-scenes look into city government with presentations and hands-on activities from each department! Coming to you in September! **Seats are limited to 25 participants – first applied, first enrolled.**

Application deadline, 5 p.m. August 5th or until seats are filled.

Applications are available beginning July 5th at City Hall, 300 Austin Avenue, or online at: waco-texas.com/cityacademy

For more information, contact us at: neighborhoods@wacotx.com or (254) 750.5774.

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Support the Animal Shelter!

Make your plans now for Howloween benefiting the City of Waco's animal shelter partners, the Humane Society of Central Texas (HSCTX)! Come on out to the Waco Convention Center for an amazing evening for a great cause complete with costume contests, prizes, silent auctions, entertainment and food! For more information visit hsctx.org.

ABOUT THE HSCTX:
A 501c3 organization, the HSCTX shares a campus with the City of Waco Animal Services Department at 2032 Circle Road. As our partners, they manage adoptions, fosters/rescues, marketing, volunteers and more, for our furry friends at the shelter. All proceeds benefit their work at the shelter to provide for homeless animals. **See adoptable animals at hsctx.org.**

Other ways to help HOWLOWEEN:
Are you a business or animal lover? Underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are endless and tax deductible! You can also make a small donation anytime at the QR code! Call us at (254) 709-9955 for donation opportunities!

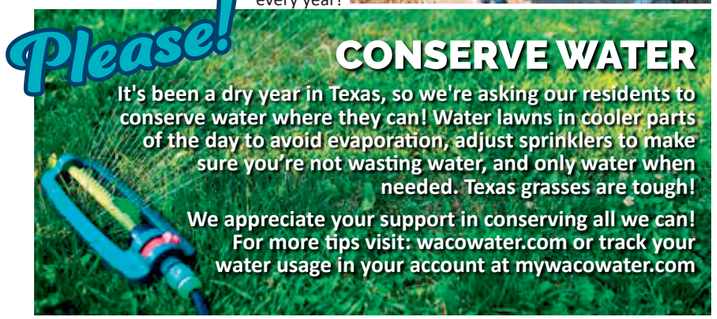
PET HEAT SAFETY

Summer heat marches on, Waco. We know it's not news, but we've had dangerous heat this summer. We've noticed most people walking their pets in the early morning hours, which is the best time. The pads of your dog's feet are extremely sensitive to heat. Hot pavement can also increase the overall body temperature of your pet and lead to heat stroke. Please consider their safety.

Additional Heat Safety Tips:

- Stay hydrated & take frequent breaks in the shade or inside
- Protect the elderly and children, watch for signs of heat exhaustion
- Keep pets off the hot pavement while walking them
- Make sure your pets have adequate shelter from the sun

GREAT JOB PARKS!

We stopped by to visit one of the many Parks & Recreation Summer Camps this month and asked for some help with a video. The kids definitely stole the show! *(Finished product coming soon, follow us on social media! Can you tell who the featured character will be from this photo?)*

This summer there were 85 kids enrolled at each of the three recreation centers, and the Summer Track program run by the Athletics Division had 400 kids enrolled. Great programs by our Recreation staff bring a ton of value to our young community every year!