

WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

Recycle Your Live Christmas Trees



As the holidays come to an end, Waco residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the Cobbs Recycling Center or the Waco Landfill with proof of Waco residency. A drivers license and matching Waco water bill will work! (Trees will be mulched and not landfilled.)

RECYCLE TREES CURBSIDE

Live Christmas trees are collected from residents' curbs by the Solid Waste Department during "green weeks." Download our residential curbside app for free reminders! (waco-texas.com/solidwaste has more info.) Please place your undecorated trees at the curb in front of your property near your grey trash cart. Trees will be mulched with other green materials.



#WeAreWaco

We hope you're watching our series, We Are Waco! Segments showcase Wacoans with local businesses, organizations, and talent; this series represents what we do, how we live & who we are... #WeAreWaco.

Keep watching! We have so many more great stories to share. You can find them on our official social media accounts, our YouTube channel (youtube.com/mywacotv), or at mywacotv.com!

Have ideas for whom we can feature or a local business or nonprofit you love? Contact us on social media! Or through the MyWaco app!

MONTHLY NEWS

City of Waco

CITY LIMITS

DECEMBER 2022



Celebrations, wild lights, fire engines & a Grinchmobile!

Find Your Holiday Cheer in Waco

WACO WONDERLAND

Mark your calendars for the 10th annual Waco Wonderland festival! The City of Waco's downtown three-day celebration of food, fun, and cheer returns to Heritage Square, December 2-4.

The fun kicks off on Friday, December 2, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live music, food trucks, the Ferris wheel, a train, a Mistletoe Market, live reindeer, and free photos with Santa. A tree lighting ceremony and firework show will take place at 7 p.m. on the first evening of holiday festivities. Additional activities, such as the snow tube hill, will open Saturday afternoon through Sunday evening.

On Saturday, come downtown at 10 a.m. for the Family of Faith Worship Center Holiday Parade. After the parade, the celebration continues until 10 p.m. at Waco Wonderland. Festival hours on Sunday are from noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is free, and wristbands can be purchased for the attractions. For a complete festival schedule, visit wacowonderland.com or follow Waco Wonderland on Facebook or Instagram.

WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the Park, no creature was stirring as the evening grew dark. With the animals tucked away for a long winter's night, the zoo suddenly brightened with thousands of tiny shiny lights. Carolers were singing, and tasty treats, too. Now there's just one thing missing—we're all expecting you!

Join the Cameron Park Zoo from November 25 – December 31 for a Holiday Light Spectacular. Visit with Santa from 6 p.m. to closing through December 23.

See the spectacular display Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Last entry at 8 p.m.)

Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Last entry at 9 p.m.)

Christmas Week: December 19 - 23 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Closed December 24-25.

Ticket sales are available online at cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/wild-lights/ or call (254) 750-8415.

HOLIDAY FIRE TRUCK

The Waco Fire Department plans to put the Holiday Fire Truck into action again this year, Waco! As details are prepared, we'll post a schedule of neighborhoods on our social

media accounts for December, so make sure you're ready to get out there and wave!

THE GRINCHMOBILE

The cheer keeps coming, Waco! Our Solid Waste crews created a mobile Solid Waste Holiday Cheer truck traveling to the area and spreading holiday cheer! Interact with the drivers and get your photos taken!

Grinchmobile Schedule:

- Tuesday, December 6: Kendrick Park – 6:45 p.m. South Waco Park - 8 p.m.
- Thursday, December 8: Crestview Elementary School - 6:45p.m. SJ Gutherie Park - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13: Chapel Park - 6:45 p.m. Trail Blazer - 8 p.m
- Thursday, December 15: Bridge Street - 6:45 p.m. Gurley Park - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 20: Dewey Park - 6:45 p.m. North Waco Park - 8 p.m.
- Thursday, December 22: Riverbend Park - 6:45 p.m. China Spring Intermediate - 8 p.m.

Find Your Neighborhood Association waco-texas.com/neighborhoods



Your opinions needed!

The Health District wants to know your thoughts on local health issues. If you didn't have the opportunity to participate in our recent door-to-door survey, you can take in now online: waco-texas.com/health



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In case you missed it! Congratulations to the Waco Fire Department, winner of the 2022 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive! This year, the drive collected 269 units of blood and had 294 registered donors. (Some folks were unable to give at the time of donation.) This year, 50 were first-time donors. Just ONE donation can save THREE adult lives (and up to six infants), meaning that this year, 807 lives could be saved in our community!

The Battle of the Badges is a friendly competition between Waco Police, Waco Fire, and McLennan County Sheriff's Office. This year consisted of 14 blood drives across Waco that started on August 22 and ended on September 10.

In Case You Missed It: Battle of the Badges Winner

WE NEED YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER!
Foster. Adopt. Volunteer.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The City of Waco is a values-driven organization responsible for the function and delivery of a broad range of services and infrastructure. At our core, we are all connected by a service culture.

The Human Resources Department recruits, develop and retains a high-performing and diverse workforce through strategic partnerships and collaboration while fostering a healthy, safe, and respectful work environment for employees, departments, and the public.

There is a positive environment that attracts, develops, and retains employees that embrace the vision, mission, and values. Staff encourages the employees to share ideas, work together, focus on service, hold each other accountable and demonstrate stewardship.

The City of Waco is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to providing fair and equal treatment of all applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, veteran status, or any other legally protected status under applicable federal, state, and local laws. The City values diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all.

Airport Terminal Modernization

Renovation of the Security Screening Checkpoint is underway and on schedule as part of Phase 1 of the Airport Modernization Project!

Thank you for your patience & please pardon our dust as we work to improve the Waco Regional Airport!

FREE SAFE RIDE HOME

2023 NEW YEAR'S EVE

SCHEDULE A FREE RIDE TO AND FROM YOUR EVENT

CALL (254)750-1620
Serving the Waco urbanized area
6PM - 3AM

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Winter Break Camps!

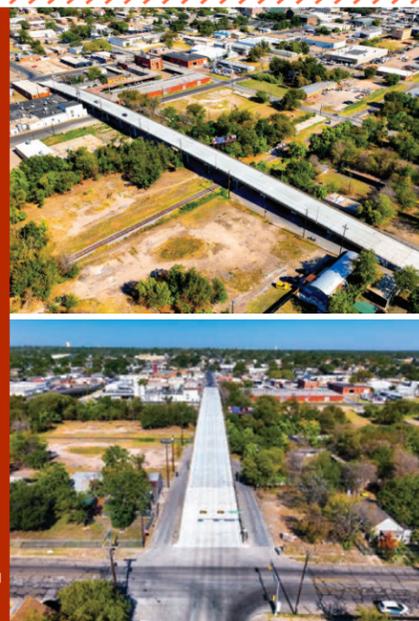
Registration opens December 1 for Winter Break Camps at Bledsoe-Miller, Dewey, and South Waco Community Centers. Camps will take place Monday - Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on December 19 to 30. Centers will be closed on December 23 and 26.

Campers ages 5 to 13 will enjoy recreational activities, arts and crafts, games, field trips, and more. The cost is \$100 per child.

To sign up, contact each center directly:
Bledsoe-Miller: 750-8684, Dewey: 750-8677, South Waco: 750-8650



17TH STREET BRIDGE OPEN



The South 17th St Bridge was reopened to traffic back on October 5. The project improvements were designed by CP&Y, Inc., City of Waco Engineering staff, and constructed by Gibson & Associates, Inc. of Balch Springs. The project was completed in about half the original contract time and under budget with great effort! Nice Job!

The new improvements are estimated to extend the bridge's service life by another 20+ years. Two remaining items are yet to be completed: repainting the streetlights and installation of permanent striping. Achieving both things will not require bridge closure and will be performed soon.

New!

The Waco Police Tower is getting a shiny new look, with brand-new windows being installed! The current windows are the original ones from when the building was built as part of the old Hillcrest Medical Center.

The new windows will provide better protection for Waco PD staff, visitors, and other building occupants. The installation is expected to take one year to complete.



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Congratulations!

Waco Fire Department's latest probationary firefighters finished their year of service, making them officially part of the growing team!

They all took part in the aerial ladder climb ceremony signifying that their probationary year was completed.

Congrats to firefighters completing their probationary year!

- Brady Creech
- Garrett Johnson
- Robert Woods III
- Zachary Seale
- Cody Brooks
- Logan Saur
- Unique Barnett
- Mary Duarte
- Derian Lassetter
- Jason Huynh



Announcing an all-new
City of Waco Website
TO BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS
waco-texas.com

Pay My Water Bill Report a problem Directory Trash Pick-Up Schedule Apply for a Job Airport

News Events Notices

Have You Seen It Yet?

We hope you've been using our new and improved website! With more than 2.8 million views per year, the City's website is the number one way you as residents reach us, and we've launched a new site to serve you!

After a year of thoughtful preparation, this new site offers more advanced features and a streamlined way to find and view information. A few exciting features to look for include a robust search engine and a translation tool (available in multiple languages) and enhancing usability. Other highlights:

- A changing background photo to highlight current city events and activities.
- A more straightforward layout for department pages with contact information, location, and help menus.
- ADA accessibility was and will continue to be considered in all photos and forms.
- An easy two-level menu and searchable department director directory.
- Custom domains for numerous pages, such as waco-texas.com/fire or waco-texas.com/parks, are available.