

# WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

## Splash Pads Open!

Looking for a way to cool off?

Waco has six, free spray pads in area parks that shoot recycled water in every direction. They're open during park hours from May to September. Splash Pad info: (254) 750-5980.



- Cameron Park (2200 Cameron Park Dr.)
- Chapel Park (9420 Chapel Rd.)
- Dewey Park (925 North 9th St.)
- Kendrick Park (4011 Bagby)
- Mountainview Park (2325 Mountainview)
- Oscar DuConge (1707 JJ Flewellen)

HEART OF TEXAS WATER GARDEN AND POND SOCIETY

Presents

## 2022 HEART OF TEXAS POND TOUR

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 9AM-5PM

SUNDAY JUNE 26, 12PM-5PM



Sponsored by **WEBB'S WATER GARDENS**

**Solid Waste Department**



### BAG YOUR TRASH!



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### Contact

Phone : 254.299.CITY (2489)

Address : P. O. Box 2570 Waco, Texas 76702

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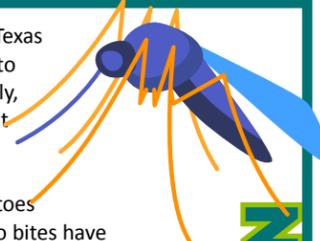
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Warmer weather in Texas brings residents out to enjoy it, unfortunately, mosquitoes come out too! Did you know that there are over 200 types of mosquitoes in the U.S.? Mosquito bites have the potential to spread diseases such as Zika, West Nile, and Malaria.

Helpful tips from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to prevent pesky mosquito bites:

- ★ Get rid of standing water. (That's where mosquitos lay their eggs.)
- ★ Check your window screens. Keep mosquitoes outside!
- ★ Wear protective clothing and cover exposed skin.
- ★ Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved insect repellent. More information: [epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://epa.gov/insect-repellents).



## MOSQUITO PREVENTION

MONTHLY NEWS

City of **Waco**

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# CITY LIMITS

JUNE 2022



## Water Conservation is Important

We need your help, Waco! Rainfall predictions continue to be lower than usual. We have experienced seven months of continual drought in our region. Heavy water use has reduced Lake Waco to less than 80% of its normal capacity (at the time of printing) and we need residents to conserve where they can, to avoid having to restrict water use. Remember, conserving water saves you money!

Recently, Lake Waco, our regional, primary water source, stood at about 457 feet above sea level, about five feet down from its normal level of 462 feet. Dropping just two more feet (down to 455 feet) will automatically trigger Stage One of the city's Drought Contingency Plan. Reports on water use from our residents and businesses show that water use from November 2021 to March 2022 was at a four-year high for that period.

Below, are some general water conservation tips we can all practice. Every little bit helps!

- ◆ Water your lawn and outdoor plants in the morning or evening, when temperatures are cooler and there is less evaporation.
- ◆ Use a timer when watering to avoid forgetful over watering.
- ◆ Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of under a running faucet.
- ◆ If you have a pool or spa, use a cover to decrease evaporation.
- ◆ Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Taller grass helps soil hold more moisture.
- ◆ Collect rain water from your roof to water plants.
- ◆ Check pipes and faucets, indoors and out, for leaks on a regular basis.
- ◆ Shorten your showers by just a minute or two and save up to 150 gallons per month.
- ◆ Defrost food in the refrigerator instead of under running water.
- ◆ Wash dishes and clothes only when loads are full.
- ◆ Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ◆ Use water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.

FOURTH ON THE BRAZOS

Save the date! Fourth on the Brazos: Monday, July 4, 2022, Touchdown Alley at Baylor University's McLane Stadium. We'll have more details about live music and vendors in the next City Limits issue!

The Brazos Nights Concert Series and Fourth on the Brazos celebration have been cherished Waco traditions for more than 30 years, attracting more than 35,000 people to downtown.

Every spring and summer the concert series provides free family fun and entertainment in downtown Waco and concludes with the annual H-E-B Fireworks Extravaganza at Fourth on the Brazos.

This year, concerts will be in Heritage Square, due to construction near the river.

**WE ARE HIRING**

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## In Case You Missed It: Fire Station #6 Grand Opening

On March 23rd, the City of Waco hosted a grand opening ceremony for Fire Station #6, complete with station tours, food trucks, outdoor movie, popcorn, balloon animals, dog adoption trailer, and memorials of the 25th Street Theatre, formerly on the site.

Families enjoyed the event, and with gorgeous weather, hundreds came out to see how the station turned out and to visit with neighbors.

An exciting addition to the neighborhood, the new site has two buildings, one to house fire administration and the other being the fire station serving the surrounding area. The administration building features a community room for residents to use.

The 25th Street Theatre was a staple in Waco history, opening in 1945, and closing its doors permanently in the mid-1990's.

Waco City Council, City Administration (including previous city managers and fire chiefs), Fire Chief Summers, RBDR Architects, and CWA Construction, celebrate the opening by cutting the ribbon!

## SUMMER CAMP Sign Up

A few spots remain in Summer Camps at our Bledsoe-Miller and Dewey Community Centers. Space is limited, so register today!

Campers will enjoy a variety of fun activities including field trips, arts and crafts, games, kayaking, outdoor activities and more. Camps will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the dates listed below. For registration, contact the community center directly. Bledsoe-Miller: (254) 750-8684 at 300 N. M.L.K., Jr. Blvd. Dewey: (254) 750-8677 at 925 N. 9th St.

- AGE: 5-13 years
- COST: \$75, per child
- \* Session #1 (June 6 - July 1): \$260
- \* Session #2 (July 5 -29): \$260
- \* Session #3 (August 1-19): \$130



## BOOK YOUR SUMMER

2022 Waco Library Reading Challenge  
June 1 thru July 31

Take the challenge to read 10, 20, 30 or 40 days  
Do activities in the library and around Waco  
Log your reading and activities using the Beantack Tracker app



Get great prizes as you get to different levels!  
We've also got over 100 activities for Wacoans of all ages  
Activities For Kids Activities For Teens Activities For Adults

- PLUS: All Day Activities For EVERYONE!
- Magic Shows
  - Music Shows
  - Craft Classes
  - K-Pop Club
  - 8 More!

Visit the library, go online to [wacolib.org](http://wacolib.org) or  
Follow us on social media @wacolib  
For more information!



## WASHINGTON AVENUE BRIDGE OPEN



We're excited to see Washington Avenue bridge open again after closures for construction. We have a map online for progress updates, closures and detours to help you out as you navigate through town!  
Find the map at: [waco-texas.com/improvedowntown](http://waco-texas.com/improvedowntown)

## FATHER'S DAY Brunch

Celebrate dad! Bledsoe-Miller Community Center will host a free Father's Day Brunch on Saturday, June 18th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center, located at 300 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. **Space is limited, and advance registration is required.** To reserve your spot, call (254) 750-8684.

## SAVE THE DATE: 4.8.2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Set your reminders, Waco! A total solar eclipse will take place in two years, on April 8, 2024. Lowell Observatory is teaming up with the City of Waco, Baylor University and Discovery for a Eclipse Over Texas: Live from Waco, a public event at Baylor University's McLane Stadium!

Mayor Meek said a few words at a press conference announcement in April exactly two years from the time it will happen in the future. We're excited to see how the world celebrates the event and ready to welcome visitors to enjoy! Waco was chosen as the place to celebrate because it sits very close to the path of totality, meaning you can get a great view of the eclipse from right here!



About the eclipse: The partial phase of the solar eclipse will begin at 12:20 pm CDT, as seen from Waco and will last for four minutes and 13 seconds. The Sun's surface will gradually be covered until totality begins at 1:38 pm CDT. Then, the sun will begin its gradual move out of the moon's shadow, ending at 2 pm CDT.

[eclipseovertexas2024.com](http://eclipseovertexas2024.com)

APRIL 8, 2024  
**ECLIPSE  
OVER TEXAS**  
LIVE FROM WACO

## TEXAS RANGER TALKS

Texas Rangers will be speaking at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum (100 Ranger Trail) on the following Saturdays:

June 4th & 25th  
July 9th & 23rd

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram or visit: [texasranger.org](http://texasranger.org) for the latest information.



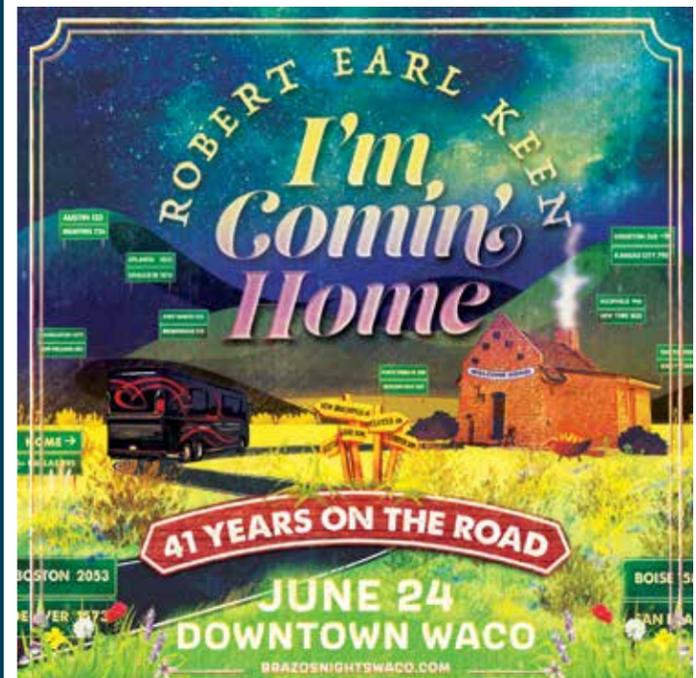
## Microchips Work!



Did you know you can have any lost pet scanned for a microchip at a Waco Fire Station? Ronnie, the dog, was reunited with his owner when a good Samaritan brought him to Fire Station One to be scanned for a chip. Because one was found, and it was current, a simple phone call reunited Ronnie with his owner after his great escape! A huge thank you to the resident who brought him in and our Waco Fire crew!

Waco residents qualify for **FREE microchips!** Call (254) 750-7099 for more information on microchips and spay/neuter

for your pets! Microchips keep pets out of the animal shelter. Looking for your lost pet? Try [lostpetswaco.com](http://lostpetswaco.com)! More on the Fire House to Your House program at: [waco-texas.com/fire](http://waco-texas.com/fire)



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

### BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT

The budget is developed by staff members in each department, reviewed by the executive team, and presented to the City Council. The budget is developed to take on a number of roles:

**Policy Document** - As the spending plan for the City, the budget implements the policy issues that are decided by the Council. The budget is the single most comprehensive repository of council information that is produced annually.

**Financial Plan** - The budget lays out revenues anticipated and expenditures programmed for each fund and each department in the city. This is the traditional role of budgets.

**Operations Guide** - The budget document contains department missions, staffing tables, narratives, and highlights that describe the scope of operations. In this sense, the budget not only contains appropriated funds, but also describes services to be provided and staffing to accomplish department missions.

**Communication Device** - The budget document contains several devices designed to communicate its contents readily.

We are proud that our budgets have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the last twenty years. This award represents the highest achievement in governmental budgeting.