

WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

CITY OF WACO

2023 NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 17TH

WACO-Texas.com/NEIGHBORHOODS
254.750.5774

Upgrade Your Neighborhood

The City of Waco's 2023 Neighborhood Grant application is now open. Waco neighborhood associations can receive up to \$10,000 toward public projects like new neighborhood signs, beautification efforts, community events, and so much more! You get to decide how these grant funds are spent in your neighborhood. To start the grant process, contact your local neighborhood association.

Applications open from September 12 to November 17, 2022. To find your association and to learn more about the grant opportunity, visit waco-texas.com/neighborhoods, or contact us at neighborhoods@wacotx.gov or 254.750.5774.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES Winner!

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 are 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 6 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, it consisted of 14 blood drives across Waco that started on August 22nd and ended on September 10th.



waco-texas.com/neighborhoods

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Find Your Neighborhood Association



Sign up for eNews!



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GENEALOGY EVENTS

for November

a Brown Bag Program

FROM MINSK TO MANHATTAN

Using Maps to Retrace an Ancestor's Journey

Join presenter David Passman in his journey to retrace his namesake ancestor's experience through a wide range of records from the Age of Steam. Maps, manifests, memoirs and more were clues in his family history mystery. This program is co-sponsored by the Central Texas Genealogical Society.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 at NOON
West Waco Library & Genealogy Center
(5301 Bosque Blvd)

a Genealogy Guidepost Video

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Storytelling in Family History

Learn how to help preserve your family history. Discover how to compile research into a logical and interesting format. Discuss the importance of writing as a genealogy researcher. Review a variety of formats that can be used to share your research. Explore the elements of a written family history. This video is co-sponsored by the Central Texas Genealogical Society.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 at 10 AM
[YouTube.com/WacoLibrary](https://www.youtube.com/WacoLibrary)



FRIENDS OF THE WACO-MCLENNAN COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 4-7 2021

BASE AT EXTRACO EVENT CENTER

SAVE THE DATE

Proper Disposal: Oil & Grease

Frying a turkey for the holidays? Please don't pour cooking oil or grease down the drain. It can clog pipes in our sewer system. Small quantities of cooking oil can be mixed with kitty litter, doubled bagged, and placed in your trash cart.



You can also properly dispose of cooking oil or grease at five stations around the city, including the Cobbs Recycling Center. You can go to waco-texas.com or call (254) 299-CITY (2489) to learn more.

MONTHLY NEWS

City of Waco

waco-texas.com

CITY LIMITS

NOVEMBER 2022



Your support is the key to maintaining success! Get involved!

Our regional animal shelter works hard to find loving homes

Support the Animal Shelter!

ABOUT THE SHELTER

We hope you've visited the Animal Shelter at 2032 Circle Road in Waco! The shelter is a regional shelter, sharing a partnership with 13 area cities and McLennan County. When a stray animal is picked up in our partner cities, it's brought to the shelter in Waco. Being open admission, if the animal is from one of the participating cities, it is not turned away. This means community support is essential in keeping the shelter at a no-kill status. Our City staff works extremely hard to maintain the health and safety of the animals in our care. A tough job, our employees get to know the animals and are the strongest advocates in wanting them to find loving homes. Ask any staff member who their favorite dog or cat is, and they'll give you a list of names!

ADOPTION, FOSTER & VOLUNTEER

Animal adoption, foster care, and volunteer programs are the responsibility of the Humane Society of Central Texas (HSCTX). HSCTX is our onsite shelter partner and works daily with City staff to implement these programs crucial to finding the families and rescues that adopt from our shelter. The HSCTX also handles donations

ALTERNATIVES TO SURRENDER

We strongly suggest using your social media accounts to try to rehome pets into loving families. You can also reach out to Waco Animal Coalition, Waco Pets Alive, and COMM C.A.T. of Greater Waco. These organizations can provide the resources to help you rehome your pet.

LOST PETS WACO

Did you know we have a real-time website available for lost pets in Waco? If our Animal Care Officers pick up a stray, they promptly enter a description, photo and location found into lostpetswaco.com, so if you're missing your animal, that's the first place to look! We want your animals' home with you! If your pet is compliant with Waco law (spayed/neutered and microchipped) and found as a stray, they will get a free ride home to you. Animals picked up and taken to the shelter are placed on a 72-hour hold to give their owners time to find them! (Always check the shelter and the hsctx.org website first.)

SPAY / NEUTER / MICROCHIP

Waco residents can also **spay or neuter and microchip their animal(s) for free**. Proof of residency is required, but with our City Council's support and our furry citizens' consideration, we encourage you to spay, neuter, and microchip your pets. This is the best way to keep them out of our shelter and home with you! For more information, call (254) 750-7099 or visit waco-texas.com/spay. Have patience; calls are always returned when you have questions.

SPAY / NEUTER / MICROCHIP

We are fortunate at the Waco Animal Shelter to have Dr. Michael Vallon, our Shelter Veterinarian, working with us. Dr. Vallon is on-site for spay/neuter surgeries and emergencies that may arise. Animals injured and brought in, who may have been euthanized due to the time and cost of medical care in the past, are saved, cared for, and ready to be adopted with Dr. Vallon and his fantastic Vet Technicians are prepared to help!

ADOPTION, FOSTER & VOLUNTEER

Visit: waco-texas.com/animals & hsctx.org



Photo left to right: Assistant City Manager Ryan Holt, Deputy City Manager Deidra Emerson, City Manager Bradley Ford, Mayor Dillon Meek, Library Director Essy Day, Councilwoman Andrea Barefield, and Councilman Josh Borderud.

Celebrate African American Voices Window Display

East Waco Library's "Celebrate African American Voices" window display has been unveiled and looks fantastic! This display highlights the rich history of Waco's African American community. Seven individuals were chosen for the permanent window display. They represent contributions to civic leadership, education, arts/entertainment, sports, politics, science/medicine, and economic engagement. The Waco-McLennan County Library preserves our local history to remember how communities have changed, grown and who helped build them. Through preservation, we learn about and celebrate our heritage.

Waco leaders featured: Robert Lloyd (R. L.) Smith, Garry Radford, Sr., Emma Harrison, Thomas (Tom) Wilson, Jr., Noah Jackson, Jr., Alice Pollard, and Lester Gibson.

SCRAP TIRE DAY

KEEPS THE MOSQUITOES AWAY

Saturday November 19, 2022
7:00 AM - 1:00 pm
501 Schroeder Drive
WACO RESIDENTS ONLY



#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!

Scan the QR Code to skip the lines by pre-registering!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Waco Police Department provides police services to the Waco community with integrity, professionalism, accountability, and respect, to work in partnership with the community, and be good stewards of the public's trust and resources.

The Department began with the election of a Town Marshall in 1871. The most significant definitive turning point in the history of the Public Administration Survey of 1956 marks the department's transition into a modern police department.

Waco has over 240 officers with over 115 civilian employees. Many specialized units, such as K-9, Personnel Unit, Training Unit, Professional Standards, Conduct Unit, Traffic Unit, SWAT, Drug Enforcement Unit, Neighborhood Detectives, Street Crimes, Special Crimes, Criminal Investigation, Crime Scene Unit, Communications, Criminal Intelligence, Animal Control, Crime Stoppers, and Victim Services. Waco PD responds to over 100,000 calls a year and is headquartered at 3115 Pine in Waco.

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FREE COOKIES



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF WACO SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

FREE BULKY CARDBOARD AND PAPER RECYCLING WITH PRESTIGE SHREDDING & RECYCLING

NOVEMBER 15 | 11AM - 3PM

HERITAGE SQUARE
311 AUSTIN AVENUE

SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



Have You Met Satu?

Have you had a chance to meet Satu? He is the most recent Sumatran tiger at the Cameron Park Zoo. He is one of three Sumatran tigers. The animal care staff are enjoying learning his personality as he adapts to his new surroundings. Satu enjoys interacting with the animal care staff, enrichment activities, and water play!

Next time you visit the Cameron Park Zoo, pay a visit to Satu, Maharani, and Kucing.



ZOO STAMPEDE

Let's Run Wild!

CAMERON PARK ZOO
WACO, TEXAS

POWERED BY **reliant**

Welcome to The Year of the Tiger! The 2022 H-E-B Cameron Park Zoo Stampede, powered by Reliant, will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Online registration has begun. Register by November 1 to receive a guaranteed race t-shirt.

Early packet pickup will be on November 11th from 4 - 7 p.m. and on Saturday, November 12th, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., on-site at the Cameron Park Zoo. Your 5K entry will include a short-sleeved cotton t-shirt; the 10K will consist of a long-sleeved technical (dry fit) shirt. Additional shirts are available for purchase.

H-E-B's Zoo Stampede remains a staple of the Cameron Park Zoo calendar and a meaningful way to contribute to your zoo's ability to provide advanced animal care and essential conservation work.

Register today at:
cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/Stampede

outdoor movie

Join us for another outdoor movie!
Kick off your holiday season with the classic movie

elf

We'll have hot chocolate and popcorn!
Bring a chair or a blanket and make yourself comfy (and cozy!)
Anyone who misses it is a cotton headed ninny muggins!



The Waco-McLennan County Library's StoryWalk at the Dewey Community Center was a fantastic event for all families to enjoy.

There were special appearances by Mayor Dillon Meek, City Council Members Josh Borderud and Kelly Palmer, Booker the Elephant, and Sparky the Fire Dog. The kids had a great time reading the StoryWalk book (which will change every quarter), eating Gelu Italian ice, playing with bubbles, and singing silly songs, so plan your visit to experience the StoryWalk today!

JOIN US FOR A STORYWALK