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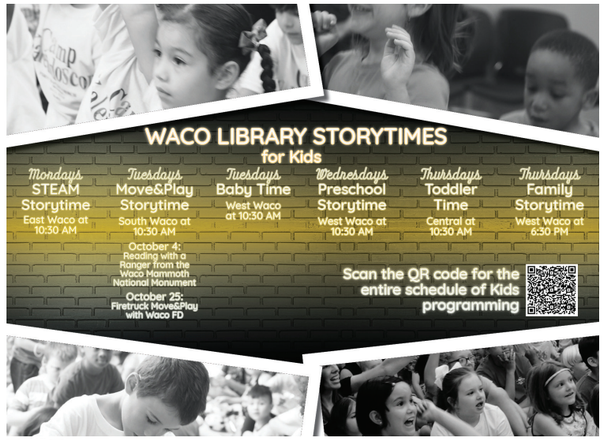

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National Night Out Celebration: Tuesday, October 4th

Dewey Community Center is hosting a celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dewey Park, located at 925 N. 9th St. Enjoy free food, games, family fun, and more!

National Night Out is an annual campaign designed to strengthen neighborhood and law enforcement relationships, while bringing back a true sense of community and neighborhood camaraderie.

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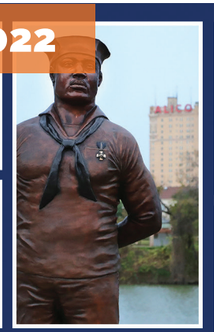

A NEW SERIES HIGHLIGHTING YOU

WE ARE WACO

The City of Waco Communications and Marketing Department is proud to announce a new series. "**We Are Waco" promotes what we do, how we live and who we are. We Are Waco!**

CITY OF WACO **PRODUCTIONS**

As many of us know, Waco is a progressive and diverse city with a vibrant community spirit. It's full of incredible people who call it home. This new series showcases the common thread defining what makes Waco, well, Waco!

Watch for local faces and places to be highlighted as we continue to add features to the series in categories like: Play Waco, Waco Creates, Taste of Waco, Shop Waco, and more!

Search the hashtag #WeAreWaco to find content on all official city social media accounts, view on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/mywacotv, or on our website at: mywacotv.com.

THE WACO CITY CABLE CHANNEL IS NOW MYWACOTV!

We are also proud to launch an update to the Waco City Cable Channel format as it transitions to MyWacoTV! Find all content online, including city meetings, PSAs, programs, and series. We also offer apps on Apple TV and ROKU for those who would like to watch at home but have cut the cord and no longer have cable!

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Waco's New Fire Engines

They're all in service, Waco! City Council approved the purchase of 6 new fire engines and 1 new ladder truck as part of a 10-year lease-to-purchase agreement to replace aging equipment in the department's fleet. Many of you visited one of the push-in ceremonies held by the Waco Fire Department over the last few months. All new equipment is a vital contribution to making Waco a safer place and helping to maintain our ISO 1 rating. The community (including some very strong kids) came together at each ceremony to take part in the fun, and they were all well-attended. *Pictured is one shift with crews that run all new engines.

Fire Stations 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 11 received new engines at $638,000. Station 2 also received a ladder truck at $1.2 million.

A few features of the new engines include:

- More interior room for personnel to get ready on the way to a scene.
- Additional water capacity with additional and higher hose volume output.
- Lower hose beds for easier/faster access when on scene at a fire.
- Additional airbags, sensors/specific wheels on the engine to avoid rollovers.
- Brighter emergency lights and louder sirens.
- New ladder truck at 105' replaces the previous one at 75'.

Healthy & Happy Halloween Tips!

1. **Get Moving** – Staying active for at least 150 minutes a week is a great way to help prevent Type 2 Diabetes, obesity, and other health problems.
2. **Eat Well** - Instead of candy, try these Halloween themed snacks! Grab a string cheese and a marker and draw a ghost face on the wrapper. Take fruit cups or clementines and draw jack-o'-lantern faces on them.
3. **Keep your Bite Healthy** – Put candy out of sight and out of reach. Be sure to care for your teeth – brush with a fluoride toothpaste each and every day.
4. **Play it Safe** – If walking at night or trick-or-treating with family, watch out for cars, use reflective gear, and carry a flashlight.
5. **Scare Away Viruses** – Wash your hands frequently and make sure you are vaccinated against COVID-19 and the Flu.
6. **Don't be a Zombie** – Sleep is important, even on Halloween! Adults need 7-8 hours each night. It's best for staying healthy and helping your body fight disease.
7. **Be Afraid...Be Very Afraid of Smoking** – keep your activities smoke and tobacco free.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

WACO CONVENTION CENTER & VISITORS BUREAU

The Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) was established in 1983 and is a department of the City of Waco. The CVB is responsible for marketing Waco as a destination and manages the Waco Convention Center and the Waco Welcome Center.

The Waco Convention Center is the premier meeting and convention facility in Central Texas. With 144,000 sq. ft. of space, this venue has hosted every type of event. Conventions, conferences, e-sports, trade shows, holiday gift markets, art festivals, and landmark personal events such as quinceañeras, weddings, graduations, and more.

The Convention Center was built in 1972 and completely renovated in 2012. Rooms range from board rooms seating 28 to the 33,000 sq. ft. Chisholm Hall. Call them to book a room or ask questions, at (254) 750-5810.

In Case You Missed It: Airport Modernization

It was demo day at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Airport Modernization Project at Waco Regional Airport! On July 22nd, Mayor Dillon Meek, Council members Borderud and Rodriguez, along with Baylor University, city management, and Waco business leaders, joined in on the fun with a surprise special guest, Chip Gaines. With a ceremonial swing of a sledgehammer, the project got underway!

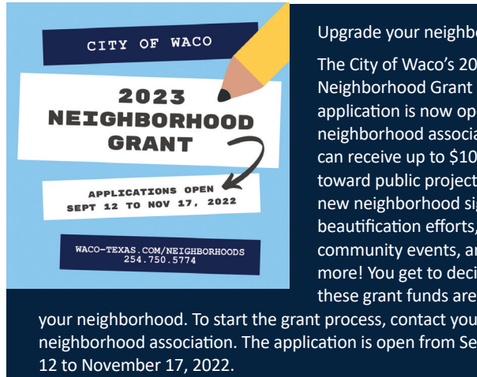
This project will create a beautiful, clean, and inviting building welcoming travelers to and from Waco. Upgrades include creating a comfortable modern terminal building with updated restrooms, flooring, ceiling finishes, and an updated checkpoint. Numerous upgrades will be seen and enjoyed! This $8.8 million project includes $8.3 million in Federal Aviation Administration funds.

In other Airport news, American Airlines has added an additional daily departure from the Waco Regional Airport, making it a total of six daily departures to DFW!

BAG & TIE: Forrest Gump-Style

Did you catch City of Waco Productions' latest PSA where they had a little fun with a bag and tie your trash message?

Our Solid Waste drivers appreciate it when you bag and tie those trash bags. It helps us keep Waco neighborhoods beautiful and prevents trash from taking an unnecessary journey. Watch it at mywacotv.com or scan the QR code above!

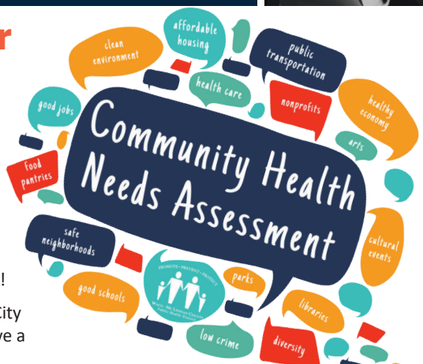


Upgrade your neighborhood!

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. The application is 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.

Look for us in your neighborhood!

In October, the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District will run a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The CHNA will gather information about health needs in our community. Your answers help to shape services for the future, and the assessment will only take a few minutes!

Staff will be wearing a vest and driving City of Waco vehicles. Participants will receive a gift card!