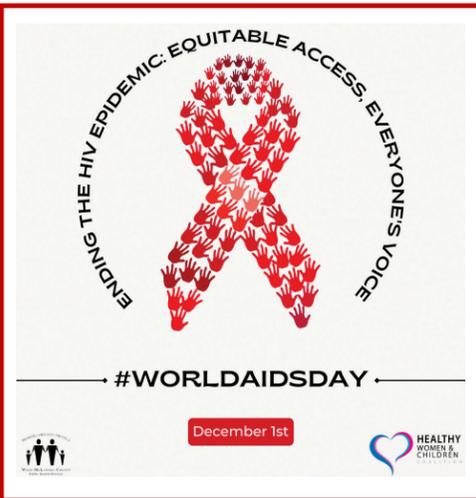


WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER



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.

See Projects in Your Neighborhood Come to Life!

The City of Waco's 2022 Neighborhood Grant application is now open!

Waco neighborhood associations can receive up to \$7,500 toward public projects, including 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 make your voice heard, join your local neighborhood association! Find your neighborhood and get all the details at waco-texas.com/neighborhoods.

The application deadline is Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Questions? Call us at: 254.750.5774.

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WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO

The Cameron Park Zoological & Botanical Society will light up Cameron Park Zoo this year with its first annual holiday lights event! Wild Lights is being presented by Reliant Energy and brought to you by Texas First National Bank (TFNB). The event will run November 26 through January 9, 2021, Wednesday through Sunday nights. This is Waco's largest holiday light show! Visit to enjoy more than 250,000 lights that will be featured in the Zoo's inner loop.

Come see Santa under the Zoo's pavilion in the Meadows area! He'll be available to children of all ages November 26 through December 23. After your visit with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, and games!

Don't worry, during all the excitement, the animals will all be safely tucked in their beds each night while visions of hay bales, fruits, and meats dance in their heads.

All proceeds from Wild Nights will be allocated to support Zoo improvements, including the new education building, veterinary hospital, and penguin exhibit. For hours and ticket prices visit: cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/wild-lights/ or call (254) 750-8415.

WACO WONDERLAND

Waco's annual downtown festival is coming back this year! Plans are to include a variety of events and entertainment options, held in Heritage Square over the first weekend of December!

Due to the pandemic, last year's Wonderland switched to a virtual format for traditions such as the Tree Lighting and visits with Santa. This year, as COVID numbers have come back down following our late summer COVID surge, staff is hard at work planning three days full of activities such as the Tree Lighting, Fireworks, Snow Tube Hill, Wonderland Run, Mistletoe Market, holiday entertainment, food trucks and more.

We will be following guidance from public health officials, and staff will implement recommendations to create a safe atmosphere for our community. Should there be a reversal in the COVID

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impact locally, we'll have plans to downsize the event or host virtual activities. Follow all the details at wacowonderland.com or on their social media accounts!

HOLIDAY FIRE TRUCK

The Waco Fire Department is making plans to put the Holiday Fire Truck into action again this year, Waco! As details are planned, we'll post a schedule of neighborhoods on our social media accounts for the month of December so make sure you're ready to get out there and wave!



Find Some Waco Holiday Cheer



In Case You Missed It: Bridge Street Plaza is Open!

On Monday, October 11th, a ribbon cutting was held for Bridge Street Plaza in East Waco! The ceremony was to celebrate this \$6 million project that transforms the historic Bridge Street into a corridor for community events, festivals, arts and culture, live music and programming.

General contractor Barsh Construction began work at the site in 2019, but initial planning dates back to the 2010 Imagine Waco Master Plan. Engineering services were provided by Walker Partners, with design work by RBDR.

The Plaza features include a covered stage, festival greenspace, water fountain with attached pet fountain, lighting, shaded seating areas, trash receptacles and opportunities for food trucks. Designed with a park layout feel and access improvements, the site incorporates connectivity from Elm Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. We can't wait to see what happens next!



Waco Fire EMS Bicycle Team

The Waco Fire Department was excited to launch its EMS bicycle team to enhance and increase the capabilities of the Department's Basic Life Support EMS services. The EMS Bicycle Team will be able to access patients in hard-to-reach areas in an average of less than three minutes.

The department has placed four identical Cannondale Trail Mountain Bikes into service. Each equipped with life-saving trauma supplies including, automated external defibrillators (AED), oxygen and bandaging supplies.

We look forward to the positive results of this implementation as we continue to improve upon the service delivery systems.



New Library Partnership with HOT Workforce Solutions

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m., East Waco Library & Thursdays at 10 a.m. at South Waco Library

Free One-on-One Job Skills Training with the Heart of Texas Workforce Solutions and specialized help for job seekers! Bring your questions about applications, interviews and more. Get the help you need to get a job you'll love.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS: DECEMBER: Make-N-Take Holiday Ornament Extravaganza

Join the Central Waco Library all day for the Make-n-Take Holiday Ornament Extravaganza: Do you need a last minute ornament to finish your decorating? Stop and make something amazing! We'll have materials and directions to make unique ornaments and there will be something for tiny hands and more experienced ones, so bring the whole crew!



OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (HOLIDAY)

Family Storytime All Week Long at 10:30 a.m.: School is out, so beat the boredom with a storytime for the whole family. Enjoy a cozy story and wintry activity that will be fun for everyone.

- December 20 at South Waco
- December 21 at East Waco
- December 22 at West Waco
- December 23 at Central



Teen Program:

December 21 at 6:30 p.m.: Teen Holiday Crafting: (Central Library) Keep your hands busy and make something awesome! We'll have everything you need to do two different crafts. You can enjoy a snack while you work and chat with other crafters. Let's chill and make something great!

The library event calendar is subject to change. Scan the QR Code for a calendar of all things library!

Sign Up for the Waco Citizens Police Academy

The academy is designed to give residents insight into the Waco Police Department and raise awareness. It's a 12 week course held on Thursdays from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Class topics include: police recruiting, traffic stops, SWAT, police negotiations, K-9, crime scene, crime prevention, and more. Instruction consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours and/or hands-on activities. Applicants are subject to a criminal background investigation, prior to being accepted into the academy. Graduates are eligible to join the Waco Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Next Academy Begins: Thursday, January 30, 2021 (classes held each Thursday from 6 – 8:30 p.m. for 12 weeks)

Location: Waco Police Department, 3115 Pine Ave.

Deadline for applications: Friday, January 17, 2021 by 5 p.m., Applicants must be 18 years old or older.

Questions, contact Candice Ortiz at candiceo@wacotx.gov or 254.750.1764. To apply visit our website at waco-texas.com/police.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

WACO FIRE DEPARTMENT

A customer service organization, Waco Fire responds to well over 18,000 calls for service per year. Calls include structure fires, vehicle fires, grass/brush fires, auto extrication, water rescues, medical emergencies, hazardous material situations and other emergencies.

Additionally, the department responds to non-emergency calls which include animal rescues, lockouts, water evacuation and many other service calls when the citizen cannot find help from other resources.

The Operations Division is the largest and most visible Division within the Waco Fire Department, consisting of 189 personnel. The department staffs 11 Engine Companies, 1 Quint Company, 3 Truck Companies, 3 ARFF Units (airports), and 2 Battalion Chiefs each day. Auxiliary equipment that is utilized for special incidents includes 2 Rescue Trucks, 3 Boats, 1 Jet-Ski, 3 Brush Trucks, a Regional HazMat Truck & Trailer, and other equipment.

There are 13 fire stations in the City of Waco. All fire stations are strategically located throughout the city to help provide a response time of five minutes or less from the time Fire Dispatch receives the call.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Registration is underway for Winter Break Camps at Bledsoe-Miller, Dewey and South Waco Community Centers! Camps will take place Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., December 20 through January 3. Children ages 5 to 13 will take part in recreational activities, arts and crafts, games, field trips and more. The cost is \$100, per child.

Please note the centers will be closed on December 24, 27 and 31. To sign up, contact each center directly.

Bledsoe-Miller: 750-8684
Dewey: 750-8677
South Waco: 750-8650

VICTIM SERVICES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Waco Police Department Victim Services Unit is now taking applications for volunteers to provide assistance and support to victims of crime. The three week program starts on February 7th and runs until the 23rd. Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Police Department. A background check will be conducted for eligibility to volunteer with the unit. Applications will be due by January 21, 2022. Please contact Missy Sparks (mspark@wacotx.gov) at 254.750.7527 to volunteer!

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Out of town visitors welcome as well, but as always, Sic 'Em Bears!

More info: waco-texas.com/transit