

# WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

**SCRAP TIRE DAY**

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**Saturday November 20, 2021  
7:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
501 Schroeder Drive  
WACO RESIDENTS ONLY**

Download the Curbside Services App to Register

## TIPS FOR FALLEN LEAVES



- Put the leaves in your green yard waste cart for separate collection. The yard waste cart is collected every other week during "green weeks" on your trash day.
- Leaves can also be put in paper bags (not plastic) for curbside collection during green weeks.
- Please do not put out more than 20 paper bags at the curb at a time. Plastic bags on the ground will not be collected.
- Paper yard waste bags are available for purchase at most retail stores.
- Mowing: a light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place.
- Mulching: a mower with a bag attachment provides a fast and easy way to shred and collect the leaves for composting and soil improvement.
- Compost your yard waste, include grass clippings and leaves.
- Soil Improvement: leaves may be collected and tilled directly into garden and flower bed soils.

### Proper Disposal of: 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 located around the city, including the Cobbs Recycling Center. To learn more you can go to [waco-texas.com](http://waco-texas.com) or call (254) 299-CITY (2489).



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## Thinking of a Career Change?

The City of Waco is always hiring and has numerous positions that might be the perfect fit for you! The [workforwaco.com](http://workforwaco.com) website is easily accessed and searchable. Create an account, apply for open positions, and receive notifications for openings within job categories you are interested in. We offer competitive benefits including health, dental, vision and a strong retirement package. Find out what it's



like to 'Work for Waco' and help impact the future of our community!

- ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**  
**ANIMAL TECHNICIAN**  
**SENIOR SOLID WASTE OPERATOR**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**LANDFILL OPERATOR**  
**LICENSED VET TECH**  
**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
**DISPATCHER**  
**SCADA TECHNICIAN**

**CURRENT POSITIONS (SNAPSHOT):**



Positions listed from late September 2021

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# CITYLIMITS



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

Our regional shelter works hard to find loving homes for animals

## 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 any of 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 the most important thing keeping the shelter at a no-kill status. Our City staff works extremely hard maintaining the health and safety of the animals in our care. A tough job, our employees get to know (and love) 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 hard every day with City staff to implement these programs that are crucial to finding the families and rescues that adopt from our shelter. Innovative ways to seek out potential adopters are key as

well. The HSCTX also handles donations and alternative to shelter surrender programs. Their impact on saving lives is how success can be maintained. Please consider adoption if you're able to, but if you're also considering donating, fostering or volunteering call (254) 754-1454 or visit [hsctx.org](http://hsctx.org).

**WORK AT THE SHELTER**  
The shelter is short-handed! Open positions are available at [workforwaco.com](http://workforwaco.com), and at the time of publication, there were positions for Shelter Technicians, a Licensed Vet Tech, and Animal Control (Care) Officers available. Beginning October 1, 2021, all positions at the City of Waco start at \$15 per hour, and in these positions, loving animals is a must! (Volunteering is an option as well!)

**SHELTER VETERINARIAN**  
We are fortunate at the Waco Animal Shelter to have Dr. Michael Vallon, our Shelter Veterinarian, working with us. Dr. Vallon is onsite 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 ready to help!

**LOST PETS WACO**  
Did you know we have a real-time website available for lost pets in Waco? If a stray is picked up by our Animal Care Officers, they promptly enter a description, photo and location found into [lostpetswaco.com](http://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 (spay/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](http://hsctx.org) website first.)

**SPAY/NEUTER/MICROCHIP**  
Waco residents are also able to spay or neuter and microchip their animal(s) for free. Proof of residency is required, but with the support of our City Council and the consideration for our furry citizens, 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 [spaystreetwaco.com](http://spaystreetwaco.com). Have patience, calls are always returned when you have questions.  
[waco-texas.com/animals-&-humanesocietycentraltexas.org](http://waco-texas.com/animals-&-humanesocietycentraltexas.org)

# Join the Stampede!

The Cameron Park Zoo wants you to go “neck and neck” with your friends! Join us on November 13, 2021 as we honor our tall friends the giraffes at the 2021 Cameron Park Zoo Stampede, brought to you by H-E-B and Reliant.

Online registration has begun with early bird pricing until November 12th. Register early for the best pricing and the best attire; shirts only guaranteed through November 1st.

Packet pickup will be November 12th & 13th, on-site at the Cameron Park Zoo. Your 5K entry will include a long sleeved cotton t-shirt; the 10K will include a long sleeved dri-fit shirt. Additional shirts are available for purchase.

H-E-B's Zoo Stampede remains a staple of the Cameron Park Zoo calendar and an important way to contribute to your zoo's ability to provide advanced animal care and essential conservation work. Find details at [cameronparkzoo.com](http://cameronparkzoo.com).



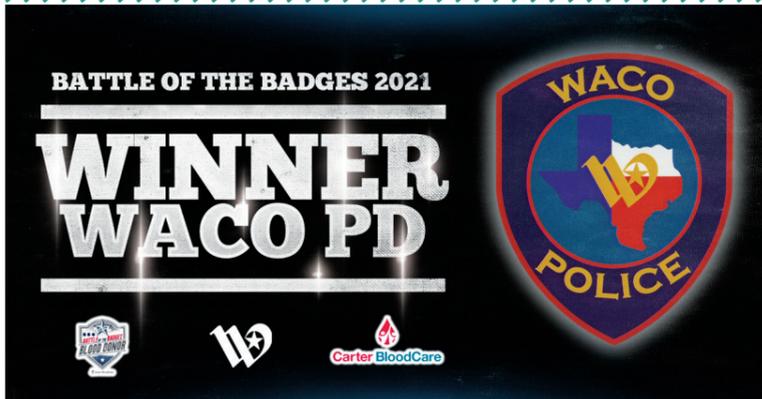
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

## CODE ENFORCEMENT - INSPECTION SERVICES

The goal of Code Enforcement is to provide citizens with a safe, healthy and attractive work and home environment.

A structure is considered substandard when it does not meet the standards or specifications established in the International Property Maintenance Code. The International Property Maintenance Code enables the City of Waco to require repair, maintenance or demolition of structures that may endanger the life, health and safety of occupants or the public. This code requires owners to maintain their structures and to prevent infestation of insects and rodents.

The City of Waco inspectors are pro-active as well as reactive to the complaints generated from citizens, police department, fire department, health department or other sources. The City of Waco systematically inspects structures used for commercial or industrial purposes. If such buildings are found unsafe, then the property owner will be required in writing to bring the property into compliance.



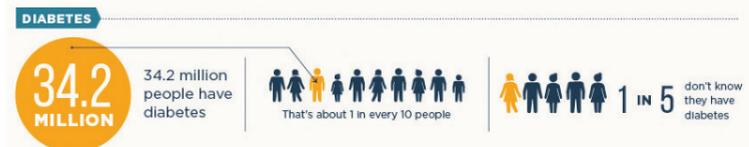
## Over 1,100 lives saved

In case you missed it! Congratulations to the Waco Police Department, winner of the 2021 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive! This year, the drive collected 365 units of blood and had 448 registered donors. (Some folks are unable to give at the time of donation.) This year, 96 were first-time donors. Just ONE donation can save THREE adult lives (and up to 6 infants), meaning that this year, over 1,100 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 26 blood drives across Waco that started on August 17th and ended on September 6th.

Participants included: Baylor Scott & White Health (BSW) Hillcrest Hospital, KWTX News 10, BSW Hewitt Clinic, H-E-B plus!, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Whataburger Hewitt, Waco Police Department, Ascension Providence Hospital, Ascension Providence Lacy Lakeview Clinic, Ascension Providence Fish Pond, Waco Fire Department, McLennan County Sheriff's Office, City of Waco, and donors participating in the Donor Center. Great job to all!

## A SNAPSHOT DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES



November is National Diabetes Awareness month! Diabetes is a long-lasting disease, also known as a chronic disease, that impacts millions of people in the United States. There are three different types of diabetes, Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational diabetes.

Type 1: Occurs when the body's pancreas does not make any or enough insulin. Type 2: Often happens after a long period of the pancreas struggling to produce enough insulin for the amount sugary foods eaten. Gestational: Occurs when a woman's body does not make enough insulin during a pregnancy.

There are helpful steps you can take to prevent Type 2 diabetes or manage your diabetes well! Regularly checking your blood sugar, taking prescribed medications, engaging in an active lifestyle, and making healthier choices when eating are all proven ways to help prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes. For questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your doctor. For more information visit: [waco-texas.com/health](http://waco-texas.com/health).

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS: NOVEMBER

### Family Outdoor Movie Night: November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Join the South Waco Library at 6 p.m. to watch the Nightmare Before Christmas a classic holiday film, scarf some popcorn and maybe a hot chocolate (or two!) We'll be watching a movie under the stars, so bring a chair, a blanket and your favorite movie-watching pals. Jack and Sally and the whole gang will be ready!



### OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

November 13th at 2 p.m., West Waco Library:

If you've never quilled before, it's a great time to learn! Learn this new skill just in time to make amazing holiday gift tags to make every gift you give this season unique. We'll have everything you need, so be sure to register and save your spot.



November 22nd at 6 p.m., Central Library:

Teen Thanksgiving Celebration: School's out for Thanksgiving! Come to the library to relax, enjoy some snacks, and make something great to decorate for holiday gatherings!

There are so many more programs to choose from! The library event calendar is subject to change. Scan the QR Code for a calendar of all things library!



## 58th Annual

### Friends of the Waco-McLennan County Library

Join us on November 4th through the 7th at the BASE (Extraco Events Center, 4401 Bosque Blvd) for the annual book sale! Come see the amazing selection at affordable prices with all proceeds benefitting our local libraries! Shop for yourself or stock up on gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Visit [wacolibrary.org](http://wacolibrary.org) or [wacofriendsofthelibrary.org](http://wacofriendsofthelibrary.org) for more information.

## SCHOOL PROBLEMS

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