

WACO CITY LIMITS NEWSLETTER

Bridge Street Project

Since 2018, plans have been crafted to transform Bridge Street into a “festival street” dedicated to hosting events that draw the community together. This “festival street” will run from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Mann Street, converting a total of three blocks into a hub for people to gather.

As of late summer, much of the pavement has been poured, some of the seating has gone in and the stage is up. There will also be trees, art, colorful crosswalks and a dedicated plaza. Recently, the City of Waco agreed to help establish a safe crosswalk on MLK Jr. Blvd which will invite folks who walk the Suspension Bridge to continue on into East Waco to explore Bridge Street.

The intent of the Bridge Street Project is to cultivate a space that reflects the heart and soul of East Waco. City Center Waco started the project by convening focus groups of neighborhood members to speak into the planning of such a space. They described their neighborhood as a “front porch neighborhood”, a sentiment that the Bridge Street Project seeks to reflect. With the “front porch style” seating areas, the plaza, and so on, Bridge Street will be a place to swing by, take a seat, and stay for a while. We can't wait!



Photos: Late August 2021

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- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH
- CVB SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- LANDFILL OPERATOR
- SENIOR SOLID WASTE OPERATOR/CDL
- TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR
- LICENSED VET TECH
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
- RECREATION AIDE
- DISPATCHER

Positions listed from late August 2021

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Photo: Memories from Kiddieland, mid-1980's

Waco's beloved treasure is being re-imagined for a bright future

Be part of a revitalization

The City of Waco, Lions Park Trust Board, and many community partners, are pleased to announce the revitalization of Waco's beloved treasure Lions Park! This project will be included in a much larger planning project to include the entire park at 1716 N 42nd Street in Waco.

PARK HISTORY

Lions Park was established in 1952 by the Waco Lions as a unique and widely popular place for children. Volunteers and other community organizations have donated hundreds of hours and numerous resources to contribute to this local institution. The park has entertained generations of local families and visitors to Waco and is a must-do stop for any child, or children at heart.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The inspiration and guidance for a revamped Lions Park stems from a community survey conducted two years ago. In 2018, Waco Foundation convened a group of partners interested in the park, and ultimately commissioned a survey that received more than 2,000 responses from Wacoans. The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive when asked about its value to the community. While the park will temporarily close to undergo a strategic planning and rebuilding process, the City of Waco anticipates committing \$2 million to ensure the brightest future for Lions Park in addition to keeping the public informed along the way lionsparkwaco.com.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

We are in the very beginning stages of this exciting project, which mostly involves filing the appropriate permits, putting safety

precautions in place, and preparation for demolition. Waco residents will soon see the site cleared and fencing put in place as we move into the next phases. The layout and features of the park will be evaluated in the design process.

GETTING INVOLVED

When we move into the park's design and development portion of this project, the community will be tapped for input and collaboration, AND our community's kids!

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

Waco Lions International, Waco Foundation, Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo, Junior League of Waco, McLennan County, City of Waco, Waco City Council, United Way of Waco-McLennan County, Rotary Club of Waco, Baylor University and Waco Parks and Recreation.



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Zoo Project Breaks Ground

The happy folks at the Cameron Park Zoo officially broke ground on the new hoofstock barn with the help of McLennan County Officials, Waco City Council and the City Management Team!

The barn was approved as part of a recent bond election and the project will eventually include a new education center and a penguin exhibit. The hoofstock barn is scheduled for completion by December. We can't wait to see this project take shape! (Photo: August 2021)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

PLEASE GET VACCINATED!
The vaccines are safe and effective and are the best tool available to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Millions of Americans have already safely received the vaccine.

REGISTER FOR A VACCINE - FREE
Not feeling well? Were you exposed to someone with COVID-19? Seek care and get tested. You don't have to go straight to the Emergency Room if your symptoms are not severe. Find all the information you need at:

COVIDWACO.COM

Join the Library's Online Reading Challenge

The Fall Reading Fitness Challenge continues NOW through December 31st! Join fellow readers for a chance to earn badges this fall! Meet the goals (1,500 minutes and 150,000 steps) and get an awesome wristband to keep your fitness challenge going!

CURRENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

October 21st at 10 a.m. - Building and Researching Your Family Tree: A 12-part series online, and this month we'll help you take the first step to share your family knowledge by writing a bio-sketch. Interview your ancestors, then take your data and tell your family's story. This video will debut on October 21st, but will continue to be available at: youtube.com/wacolibrary

There are so many more programs to choose from! The library event calendar is subject to change based on reopening protocols in place at the time of the scheduled event. Scan the QR Code (right) for a calendar of all things library or online at calendar.wacolibrary.org for the most up-to-date information!



FALL SPORTS LEAGUES

Fall Youth Football League:

- Registration: September 21 - October 15
- Individual Registration Fee: \$50
- Late Registration: October 18 - 22
- Late Individual Registration Fee: \$60
- Manager's Meeting: 6 p.m. on November 3 at South Waco Community Center, 2815 Speight Ave.
- League Begins: November 13
- Location: Community Centers
- Age: 4&U, 6&U, 8&U, 10&U, 12&U, 14&U, High School Division
- Games: 8 Game Season



Winter Youth Basketball League:

- Registration: October 4 - 29
- Late Registration: November 1 - 5
- Team Registration Fee: \$375 per division
- Late Entry Fee: \$400 per team
- Individual Registration Fee: \$50 per individual
- Late Registration Fee: \$60 per individual
- Developmental Registration Fee: \$40 per individual
- Late Developmental Registration Fee: \$50 per individual
- Draft Day: November 11
- Practice Begins: December 6
- League Begins: January 8
- Age: 3-4, 5, 6 (Developmental League) 8&U, 10&U, 12&U, 14&U

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The City of Waco wants to hear from you! Joining your neighborhood association gives you the platform to discuss your concerns, brainstorm solutions, and meet your neighbors.



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HELP US FIGHT THE FLU!

School is back in session, which means flu season is upon us. Flu symptoms can include a sudden fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, muscle and joint pain, and a cough that can last up to two weeks. The flu can worsen certain chronic health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes

Tips and tricks to avoid getting or spreading the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water throughout the day.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Clean frequently touched surfaces.
 - If you have the flu, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.
 - Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
 - Follow recommendations from your doctor.
 - Get the Flu Vaccine (recommended for everyone 6 months and older).
- Get vaccinated! Find the flu vaccine at your local pharmacy, doctor's office, or the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District. For more information on flu prevention visit: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).**



SPOOK-tacular Fun!

Put on your favorite costume, invite your family and friends, and make plans to join our South Waco Community Center staff this October! Staff is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wed, Oct 20th at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex (3113 Clay Ave). All ages are welcome, and the event is FREE. Call (254) 750-8650 for information.

Bledsoe-Miller and Dewey Community Centers will also host a joint Trunk-or-Treat event on Wed, Oct 27th. *Event time and location TBA. For information, call (254) 750-8684 or (254) 750-8677.



The Cameron Park Zoo is back with the 10th annual Allen Samuels Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Fiat Brew at the Zoo!

Make plans for Friday, October 15th or Saturday, October 16th. Stroll the zoo from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and enjoy brews from regional breweries each night.

The animals will be tucked away for the night at 7:30 p.m. and bars will close at 9:30 p.m. Your ticket includes a tasting cup and up to 12 samples. This event is for adults 21+ only.

Proceeds from Brew at the Zoo help take care of the animals that call Cameron Park Zoo their home! (Member: \$35, Regular: \$45, Designated Driver: \$15.)

Tickets available now! T-shirt: \$15 (must be ordered by October 1 to guarantee size).

MORE INFO: cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/brew-at-the-zoo/

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