



# CITYLIMITS JUN 2024



## UNFORGETTABLE SUMMERS START IN WACO

*Believe it*

### Beat the Heat Brazos Nights Concerts Continue!



The annual Brazos Nights concert series continues on Friday, June 7. Enjoy live music, food trucks and family fun at Indian Spring Park next to the historic Waco Suspension Bridge. Admission is free, and the event will run from 7 to 11 p.m. The series concludes on Thursday, July 4 with the annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration and H-E-B Fireworks Extravaganza at McLane Stadium's Touchdown Alley. For information and artist announcements, follow Brazos Nights on Facebook or Instagram or visit [brazosnightswaco.com](http://brazosnightswaco.com).



### Mayor Dillon Meek Thank You for Nine Years of Leadership & Service!

On behalf of the City of Waco, we extend our deepest gratitude to Mayor Dillon Meek for his nine years of dedicated service on Waco City Council. Mayor Meek's service on council started in 2015 when he was elected to represent District IV. Later in 2020, he was elected Mayor. During his tenure, he championed downtown development, infrastructure improvements across town, small business support, public safety, and community engagement. His thoughtful leadership and collaborative spirit will no doubt leave a lasting positive impact on our City. We wish you the best in your future with more free time and more family time. As Mayor Meek concludes his service on May 4, 2024, we offer our sincerest thanks.



### Lost Pets Waco Find & Reclaim Your Missing Pets

Losing a pet is a stressful experience for any animal owner. Reclaim your pets using the Lost Pets Waco interactive map to help you reconnect with your lost pet! When Animal Control finds a stray animal in Waco or one of our partner cities, the location and photo are uploaded on the map. The animal is then put on a 72-hour hold for owners to reclaim it. Microchipped animals can be reclaimed for free! Check out the map at [lostpetswaco.com](http://lostpetswaco.com).



# In Case You Missed It: Total Solar Eclipse Delivers an Unforgettable Weekend Experience

Waco transformed into the prime celestial celebration for the once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse on April 8. The "Live from Waco" event series offered residents and visitors a jam-packed itinerary with music, arts, education, and community spirit.

The festivities kicked off on Friday, April 5, with the "Live from Waco" concert series at Indian Spring Park.

Music lovers enjoyed the sounds of Lukas Nelson and Band of Horses along the scenic banks of the Brazos River, setting the perfect tone for the eclipse weekend.

Saturday's concert brought a different vibe to Indian Spring Park, as Arrested Development, DJ Z-Trip, and the legendary Big Boi took the stage performing their hip-hop and R&B hits.

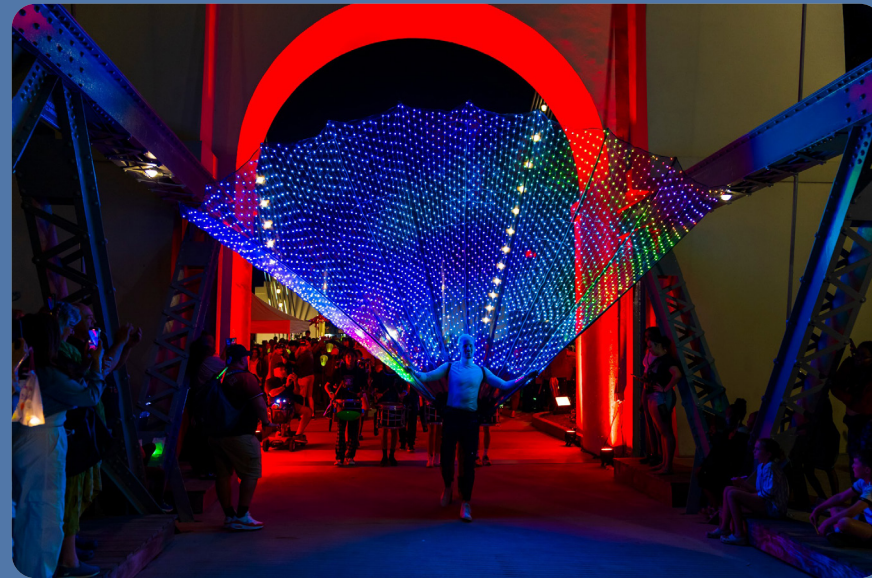


Sunday's "Lights Over Waco" festival marked the end of the weekend concert series. Country music fans were treated to Dwight Yoakam, Kaitlin Butts, and Ty Myers. As the sun set, the park came alive with a beautiful lantern parade across the historic Waco Suspension Bridge and a dazzling display of 300 choreographed drones painting the night sky.

But the true star of the show arrived on Monday, April 8. The "Eclipse Over Texas: Live from Waco" event at McLane Stadium's Touchdown Alley offered the perfect viewing platform for the total solar eclipse. With four minutes and 13 seconds of totality, Waco was truly the ideal location to experience the total solar eclipse. The event was co-organized by the

City of Waco, Lowell Observatory, Baylor University, Discovery, and community partners.

Thank you to all the local Waco residents, event partners, City of Waco staff, and guests from across the world who made this a unique and unforgettable experience.



## Decorate a WaCow Crafty Adults at the Library

Join the celebration of Waco's 175th Anniversary by creating your own WaCow on Saturday, June 8 at West Waco Library! Two sessions are available at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Paint, collage, or otherwise decorate your own mini WaCow statue. Waco Library will supply everything you need to make your WaCow moo-velous! Register starting Saturday, May 11.



### WHAT IS A WACOW?

In 2000, Central Texas artists, Waco businesses, and high school students used life-sized fiberglass cows as canvases to create fun art pieces called WaCows for an Art Center of Waco fundraiser. 40 cows went on display across Waco for many years.

## Celebrate Dad Father's Day Lunch



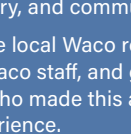
Celebrate dad (or the special father figure in your life) during Doris Miller Community Center's free Father's Day Lunch on Saturday, June 15. The event is free to attend and will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center, 1020 Elm Ave. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (254) 750-1956 to save your spot.

## Need to Cool Off? Splash Pads Are Open for the Summer Season



Waco has six free splash pads in neighborhood parks. Visit [waco-texas.com/parks](http://waco-texas.com/parks) for splash pad hours.

- Cameron Park (2200 Cameron Park Drive)
- Chapel Park (9420 Chapel Road)
- Dewey Park (925 N 9th Street)
- Kendrick Park (4011 Bagby Avenue)
- Mountainview Park (2325 Mountainview Dr)
- Oscar DuCongé Park (1707 JJ Flewellen Road)



## Adventures in Time Summer Reading Challenge

Join Waco Library's 2024 Summer Reading Challenge: Adventures in Time! Kids, teens, and adults are encouraged to read up to 40 days in June & July, with prizes at 10, 20, 30, and 40 book levels. Those who read all 40 days will enter a raffle for a prize they choose.

Participants can earn an additional raffle ticket by completing seven weekly History Mysteries. Download the Beanstack app to sign up or register online at [wacolibrary.org](http://wacolibrary.org).



## Oregon Trail A Real Choose Your Own Adventure

Will you make it to the promised land, or will you die of dysentery? Come find out in this IRL version of Oregon Trail open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 at Central Library. Travelers will cross rivers, hunt for food, and visit landmarks along the trail. All those who cross the frontier will receive a commemorative button.



## Conserve Water Saving Water is Cool All Year Long



As the temperatures rise, remember that saving water is cool all year long. Fix any leaks, get your sprinkler systems checked, and cover your pool when you're not using it. Small things make a big difference. We all need to play our part in protecting Lake Waco — our main water source. For more every day water saving tips, visit [wacowater.com](http://wacowater.com).



## Crime Prevention We Are Safer Together

The Waco Police Department is hosting the Safer Together Initiative to provide free crime prevention advice. The community is invited to learn how you can keep yourself, family, friends, and fellow community members safe from everyday crime.

The initiative is being held over three nights from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on June 11 at Dewey Community Center, June 13 at Doris Miller Community Center, and June 14 at South Waco Community Center. Each night will have six different presentations to choose from with different crime prevention tips. Spanish presentations will also be available. Learn more at [waco-texas.com/safertogether](http://waco-texas.com/safertogether).



## Reunión comunitaria Community Meeting with the Waco Police



6:30 P.M. | MIÉRCOLES, 20 DE JUNIO SOUTH WACO COMMUNITY CENTER, 2815 SPEIGHT AVE

Acompáñe al Departamento de Policía de Waco para una sesión informativa sobre violencia doméstica. La reunión estará presentada completamente en español. El detective Juan Ávila y Anali Loooper de American Gateways ofrecerán información y recursos para víctimas de violencia doméstica y sobre las U-visas.

Join the Waco Police Department for an information session on domestic violence. The meeting will be presented completely in Spanish. Detective Juan Avila and Anali Loooper with American Gateways will offer information and resources for victims of domestic violence and about U-Visas.

## Mowing Season Code Compliance Reminder



Mowing season is here! The City of Waco ordinance requires lawns to be kept under 12 inches to prevent fire hazards and unwelcome critters like mosquitoes and rodents. Failing to mow can result in fines or the City taking care of it for you (with a bill to follow). Property owners are given a chance to address the issue, but neglected lawns exceeding 48 inches will be mowed by the City without notice. Don't let your lawn become an eyesore or a safety hazard. Learn more at [waco-texas.com/code](http://waco-texas.com/code).



## On the Job A Day with the Health Dept.



Our "On the Job" video series shares a behind-the-scenes look into different City of Waco departments. In the latest video, join us for a day with a health sanitarian from the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.

Sanitarians are in charge of performing inspections at food establishments, childcare facilities, and public pools and spas to prevent illness and unsanitary conditions across all cities in McLennan County. Watch the full video at [mywacotv.com](http://mywacotv.com).



## Ditch the Itch! Mosquito Prevention Tips



Warmer weather means more outdoor fun. Unfortunately, mosquitoes come out too! To reduce the mosquitoes that make their way into your outdoor space this summer, remember to get rid of standing water, mow your grass regularly, use EPA-approved insect repellent, and wear protective clothing to cover your exposed skin. To learn more, visit [waco-texas.com/buzzoff](http://waco-texas.com/buzzoff).



# 175th Anniversary

## 151 Years of Fire Service in Waco



In response to the devastating Bridge Street fire on March 23, 1873, the City of Waco established the Waco Volunteer Fire Department just a few days later on April 3. For the first 44 years of fire services in Waco, the Waco Fire Department relied on dedicated volunteers.

Between 1910 and 1920, Waco's population boomed, prompting the fire department to modernize and significantly bolster its firefighting capabilities. In that decade, the department began the transition from horse-drawn apparatus to mechanized vehicles and the number of fire stations grew. On April 12, 1917, the Waco City Commission officially created paid positions, marking a significant shift in the department's structure. Since then, the Waco Fire Department has mirrored the city's growth.



As Waco has grown, the Fire Department has continued to expand services and add new technology to better serve the community. With a proud tradition of service spanning most of Waco's history, the Fire Department remains a vital pillar of public safety within the community. Read the full article at [waco-texas.com/175](http://waco-texas.com/175).



## Properties for Sale

### Lower Than Appraised Value

The City of Waco has a new batch of vacant lots for sale! Many of these lots are well below appraised value and a great opportunity for a new home. The bid deadline is at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20. The property will be awarded to the highest bidder. The awarded bidder must complete construction of a new house within two years, and floor plans and site plans must be delivered to the City within 120 days after full payment of lot or funds will be returned.

For more information, visit [cityofwacoproperties.com](http://cityofwacoproperties.com).

#### PROPERTIES

- (Package) 916 Calumet Avenue, 905 Delano Street, and 912 Dunbar Street
- 709 Dearborn Street
- 1201 Sherman Street
- 1915 Reuter Avenue
- 1004 Linn Street
- 704 Walker Street



## Travel Fire Safety

### Stay Prepared Away from Home

Fire safety is important even when you are away from home. Keep your family safe by staying in hotels or motels that have hard-wired smoke alarms and an automatic fire sprinkler system in each guest room. After you check in, remember to read the evacuation plan, find the two closest exits from your room, and find the fire alarms on your floor.

Short-term rentals are not regulated like hotels and motels. Make sure everyone knows the address of the rental and that there are working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When you arrive, make sure everyone knows their way out of every room and find the location of the fire extinguishers.



## Texas Ranger Museum

### Summer Programs

"Home on the Range" and "Texas Ranger Talks" are back at the Texas Ranger Museum. On Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Home on the Range will feature a presentation by Texas Ranger Josh Jenkins along with activities by reenactment groups Texas Top Guns and Legends of the Texas Rangers.

On scheduled Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., join us for Texas Ranger Talks to meet with Texas Rangers in an informal setting.

- June 22: Ranger Kenneth Shields
- July 6: Retired Ranger Christine Nix
- July 20: Ranger Jack Gillentine

Presenters are subject to change. Activities are included with regular museum admission. For more information, visit [texasranger.org](http://texasranger.org).



## Know Your Status

### National HIV Testing Day



Treating people with HIV not only saves lives, but it also prevents the transmission of the virus to others. Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is hosting a free clinic with rapid HIV tests from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 at Walgreens (4100 Bosque Blvd). Walk-ins are welcome and results via prick will be available within 60 seconds. For more information, visit [waco-texas.com/knownyourstatus](http://waco-texas.com/knownyourstatus).



### MyWaco Report a Problem

Download the MyWaco app or visit [mywaco.com](http://mywaco.com).



### Join Your Neighborhood Association

Learn more at [waco-texas.com/neighborhoods](http://waco-texas.com/neighborhoods).



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