



CITY LIMITS **MAR** 2024



Warmer Weather is Around the Corner Join Us for Some Springtime Fun Around Waco!

LIBRARY ON THE GO



The Waco Library is taking storytimes on the road with the return of Library on the Go from March 4 to 7! Join your favorite children's librarians for storytimes beginning at 10:30 a.m. at your favorite Waco attractions! Learn more at wacolibrary.org.

- Monday, March 4 - Waco Regional Airport
- Tuesday, March 5 - Baylor Bear Habitat
- Wednesday, March 6 - Lake Waco Wetlands
- Thursday, March 7 - Art Center Waco

TEXAS WILDLIFE FILM FEST



From 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, Cameron Park Zoo is partnering with H-E-B to screen their five "Our Texas, Our Future Films" that showcase Texas native animals and what H-E-B is doing to help secure their future! Join us at the Zoo for a FREE screening with activities for the whole family.

TEXAS RANGER ROUND UP



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum invites you to the Spring Break Round Up on Saturday, March 9. Texas Top Guns reenactors will recreate the late 1800s camp scene, and we will host our first Ranger Talk of 2024. To learn more, visit texasranger.org for more information.

MAMMOTHS ON THE MARCH



Join us for our annual Mammoths on the March event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday March 23. The FREE event will feature a spring-themed festival including a petting zoo, egg hunt, flower planting, and community exhibitors. (Paid tours of the fossil quarry will run the same day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

SPRING BREAK CAMPS



Join us for a fun-filled Spring Break Camp experience! Our Dewey, Doris Miller and South Waco community centers will be hosting Spring Break Camps on March 4 to 8 for kids ages 5 to 13.

Registration opens February 1, and the cost is \$75 per child. Camps will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. We'll keep your kids engaged, active and having a blast during their holiday break with exciting outdoor adventures, creative crafts, fun games, and educational activities.

Visit waco-texas.com/parks to register or scan the QR code.



Sports League Registrations

TEAM WACO YOUTH SUMMER TRACK & FIELD

Registration Period: March 4 - May 10
Registration Fee: \$75
Late Registration: May 13-17 (Fee increases to \$90)
Parent's Meeting: May 21
Location: Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex (3113 Clay Ave.)
Practice Begins: May 28
Age: 5-18

ADULT SOCCER 7V7 LEAGUE

Registration: March 18 - April 12
Registration Fee: \$45
Late Registration: April 15-19 (Fee increases to \$55)
Manager's Meeting: April 24
League Begins: April 29
Location: Riverbend Ballpark (1001 Lake Shore Dr.)
Age: 18+

Register online at waco-texas.com/parks or call the City of Waco Athletics Division at (254) 750-5875 for any questions.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, March 23, 2024
7 AM - 1 PM

Spring Cleaning is Here! Dispose of Hazardous Waste Responsibly

On Saturday, March 23, City of Waco Solid Waste Services is hosting the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Solid Waste Operations Center (501 Schroeder Drive). The multi-city event is a FREE and easy way to dispose your household chemicals and dangerous waste. Help us save the environment from the toxic effects of hazardous waste!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: paints, CFL and fluorescent bulbs, batteries, cleaners, electronics, scrap tires, automotive fluids/filters, poisons, and other chemicals.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: containers larger than 5 gallons, explosives, ammunition, agricultural chemicals, dioxins, radioactive material, large appliances, or commercial waste.

For the full list of acceptable items, contact Solid Waste Services at (254) 229-2606 or visit waco-texas.com/HHWD.



In Case You Missed It Waco Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Wreath-Laying Ceremony

On Friday, January 12, Waco City Council and the community came together for the 37th annual wreath-laying ceremony to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Traditionally, the event is held at M.L.K., Jr. Park to kick off the holiday weekend. However, this year, due to the cold weather, the event was moved to the Waco Multi-Purpose Center. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy is marked by his pivotal role in the American Civil Rights movement. Every year, Americans come together on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day not as a day off, but as a day on to volunteer and serve in their communities.



Federal Grant Funding Available! For Qualified Waco Organizations

City of Waco Housing & Community Development invites qualified organizations to submit applications to receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

Applications will be accepted from March 4, 2024, through April 4, 2024. To apply, visit waco-texas.com/subrecipient. Need help? Contact us at (254) 750-5656.

The City receives funding from two federal grant programs — CDBG and HOME. Both support several programs and activities that benefit our residents. CDBG-funded activities must benefit low- and moderate-income residents, eliminate slums or blights, and/or meet an urgent community need. HOME-funded activities must provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households.



¡Acompáñenos para la próxima reunión!

Join us for the next meeting!

El departamento de policía de Waco los invita a la próxima reunión del grupo UNIDOS. En la reunión, conozca a Luis Apaez-Palacios, un oficial del departamento de cumplimiento de códigos, en lo que él explica cuáles son las ordenanzas (o leyes) de la ciudad de Waco. Los oficiales trabajan para asegurar que los vecindarios de Waco sean seguros, saludables y atractivos. La reunión estará presentada completamente en español.

6:30 p.m. | Jueves, 21 de Marzo
South Waco Community Center,
2815 Speight Avenue

The Waco Police Department invites you to the next UNIDOS meeting. At the meeting, meet Luis Apaez-Palacios, a code enforcement officer, as he explains the City of Waco's ordinances (or laws). Code enforcement officers work to ensure Waco neighborhoods are safe, healthy, and attractive. The meeting will be presented completely in Spanish.



Spring Forward! Test Your Smoke Alarms.

Daylight Saving Time is at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Move your clocks forward one hour. The Waco Fire Department also reminds residents this is a great time to change the smoke alarm batteries in your homes and test them. About two-thirds of residential fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms.



In Case You Missed It Construction Has Begun on West Waco's Fire Station #15

On Tuesday, January 9, the City of Waco hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of the construction of Fire Station #15 at Panther Way and Ritchie Road in West Waco. The \$5.46 million project is expected to be complete in Spring 2025.

The new fire station will be an approximately 8,000 square-foot structure with a three-bay setup, individual sleeping quarters that can accommodate up to eight fire personnel per shift, large washing machines that can clean the firefighters' gear, apparatus exhaust removal systems, and decontamination areas available before entering the station.

Fire Station #15 will serve the West Waco neighborhood, which has seen rapid residential growth in recent years. When the station opens, it will be fully staffed with one captain, two lieutenants, three engineers, and six firefighters. A minimum of three personnel will be on duty daily. The new facility will help reduce response times, ensuring the department is available to handle emergencies of all kinds and help maintain the six-minute national standard for getting a fire truck on scene.



Make a Difference in Maternal and Infant Health and Safety.

Join the Healthy Women & Children Coalition to help make a change in our community. The coalition meets every third Thursday of the month at the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, 225 West Waco Drive.



For more information, email HWCC@wacotx.gov.



City of Waco and Baylor Celebrate Foster Pavilion Grand Opening

January 2 marked the completion of Downtown Waco's newest addition — Baylor University's Foster Pavilion! Waco City Council members attended the ribbon-cutting celebration and inaugural basketball game. The pavilion complex around the arena still has a few more months of development and is expected to be finished later this year. The Foster Pavilion is a partnership between the City of Waco and Baylor University, which includes the basketball arena, parking garage, and riverfront.



If you're planning on cheering on the Baylor Bears, don't forget to take advantage of the FREE and convenient shuttle options from our partners at Waco Transit! For more information, visit waco-texas.com/tailgater.



New Equipment! Dewey and Doris Miller Community Centers

The Doris Miller and Dewey Community Centers received some outdoor upgrades! Waco Parks and Recreation crews installed new pickleball courts, restriped the basketball court, and added new inclusive play equipment. The MOVVNT inclusive play equipment is an electronic game powered by the user that disguises exercise as entertainment for all ages and abilities.

Did you also know the City of Waco offers fast, reliable, and FREE public Wi-Fi at the community centers plus our other centers and libraries? Get connected both inside and outside the facilities.



Coming to Downtown Waco to eat, shop, or take in a basketball game? Tons of parking options are easy to find with only a short walk to whatever you'd like to do!

Check out our FREE parking map at waco-texas.com/parkdowntown.





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Celebrate World Water Day



Join our partners Keep Waco Beautiful for a one-day event to celebrate the global observance of World Water Day on Friday, March 22. The event will kick off with a cleanup on the Brazos River followed by on-site activities at Indian Spring Park for attendees of all ages.

Individuals, schools, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to sign up at keepwacobeautiful.org/worldwaterday.



NEW Vacant Lots Available! Properties Below Appraised Value



The City of Waco has a NEW batch of vacant lots for sale in the Carver Neighborhood! The listed lots are below appraised value and a great opportunity to build a new home! Construction must be completed within two years of the recorded deed. City of Waco Purchasing staff are available to help with the bidding process.

Bid deadline is at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. Learn more at cityofwacoproperties.com.



River Cleanup Competition



Join our partners Keep Waco Beautiful for a river cleanup competition on the Brazos River on Saturday, April 13. Teams can sign up and compete for a variety of prizes, including for most trash collected, best team name, and even for the team that can capture The Brazos River "Alligator." Spots are limited. Teams and volunteers can sign up at keepwacobeautiful.org/trashdash.

Library Events Before the Eclipse



Before the eclipse event in April, join us at the Waco Library for free educational opportunities about astronomy. A limited supply of free solar glasses will be available for attendees. Learn more at wacolibrary.org.

- Star Party with Central Texas Astronomical Society at 8 p.m. on March 12 at South Waco Library.
- Eclipses in History and Culture at 10:30 a.m. on March 23 at Central Library



APRIL 6, 2024
ECLIPSE OVER TEXAS
LIVE FROM WACO

PATH OF THE 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



Get Your Tickets Now!

Eclipse Over Texas: Live from Waco

With four minutes and 13 seconds of totality, Waco is one of the best places to view the 2024 solar eclipse! At the event, you can expect food trucks, interactive science activities, telescopes, and astronomers from NASA. Solar glasses are included with admission.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 10 a.m. - Event Begins
- 12:20 p.m. - First Contact
- 1:38 p.m. - Totality Begins
- 1:42 p.m. - Totality Ends
- 3 p.m. - Last Contact
- 4 p.m. - Event ends



The weekend leading up to the festival will also feature a whole host of activities around Waco, including eclipse-themed concerts, STEAM activities, 5K run, lantern festival, and so much more!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We're also looking for volunteers to help with set up, greeting guests, and parking. Volunteer perks include free admission, a t-shirt, pair of solar glasses, and more!

To learn more, find the full schedule, and to buy tickets, visit eclipseovertexas2024.com.



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