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CITYLIMITS MAY 2025



City of Waco Celebrates New Fire Station Grand Opening Join Us in Welcoming Fire Station #15 to the Neighborhood

There was a blaze of community spirit for the grand opening of Fire Station #15 on Thursday, March 20. Residents, city officials, and proud firefighters came together for the dedication of the state-of-the-art facility at 10905 Panther Way (near the Ritchie Road water tower).

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the crowd was treated to a traditional fire engine push-in ceremony. This time-honored tradition symbolizes the official placement of the engine into its new home. Adding to the festivities, Sparky the Fire Dog made an appearance, and attendees had the opportunity to tour the new fire station.

ABOUT FIRE STATION #15

Fire Station #15 is an over \$6 million and approximately 8,200 square-foot structure. The state-of-the-art facility features 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. The new fire station serves the West Waco neighborhood, which has

seen rapid residential growth in recent years. The fire station is 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 our standard for getting a fire truck on scene.

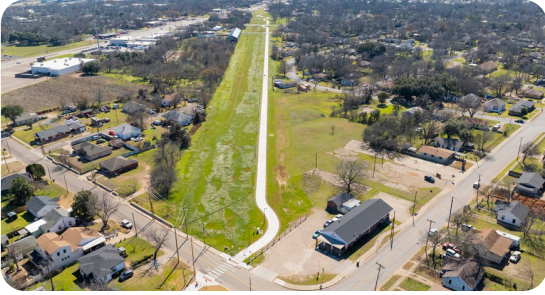
MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Waco fire stations are more than just a building. They are second homes to our brave firefighters. They live and work here, making them your neighbors and an integral part of the community. We invite you to visit our fire stations and see the great work that they do.

If the fire engine is in the house, our firefighters are home. Drop in, say hi, and get a tour of the fire station. Ask about all the great community service programs available at our fire stations like the pet microchip scanning program, car seat safety demonstrations, and more! Learn more about the Waco Fire Department at waco-texas.com/fire.



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ICYMI: Once a Railway, Now a Trailway

City of Waco Celebrates Grand Opening of the MKT Trail

On Thursday, March 6, the community celebrated the grand opening of the MKT Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This rail-to-trail project transformed 1.2 miles of the historic Missouri Kansas Texas railway into a lighted, 12-foot-wide concrete pedestrian pathway. The walk and bike trail stretches from Sherman Street to Gholson Road in East Waco connecting neighborhoods and the existing Brazos River trail system. The trail system features brick-inlaid distance markers at each half-mile, new trees and landscaping, benches, trash cans, and traffic humps at street crossings. Future plans include extending the MKT Trail on both ends. Now with the warmer weather, we welcome you to explore the MKT Trail for a leisurely stroll, bike ride, or a scenic run.

ABOUT THE MKT TRAIL

The former MKT railroad previously served the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company from 1865 to the late 20th century. Most of the rails along the Waco portion of the route were removed years ago. However, some of the remaining segments were unearthed and used for decorative features like the central trailhead at Faulkner Lane and Garrison Street. Visit waco-texas.com/mkt-trail-opening to learn more about the new trail.



City of Waco May 3 General Election



FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SEAT REPRESENTING
DISTRICT FIVE

Learn more about the Waco City Council candidates and find your nearest voting center at:

waco-texas.com/elections



Featured Waco Library Events



Puppies on the Patio

FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 3:30 TO 5:30 P.M.
CENTRAL LIBRARY

Puppies at the library? Sounds like an un-FUR-gettable day! All ages are invited to a special event in the courtyard featuring adoptable puppies from Pet Circle Waco. Space is limited.



Waco Police Chief Reads Her Story at Family Storytime

THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
WEST WACO LIBRARY

Waco Police Chief, Sheryl Victorian, will read her children's book, "The Me I See," where a girl named Olivia discovers that girls can be police officers too.

Visit wacolibrary.org for the full event and program calendar or stop by any of the four Waco Library locations.



May is Bike Month!

Play MPO Bike Month BINGO

To download and print the BINGO card, visit waco-texas.com/mpo#bikemonth and complete the tasks on the card to play. Once you have completed all the tasks in a row, claim BINGO by posting pictures on social media and tagging us on Facebook (@cityofwacotx) or Instagram (@cityofwaco) or emailing wacompo@wacotx.gov. Posts must use the hashtag #bikemonthbingo. Participants will be entered to win a cool prize!



Registration Opens May 1

Join Us for the Summer Reading Challenge Kick Off on May 31

On Saturday, May 31, visit any of the four Waco Library locations to pick up a free book and tote bag and register for the challenge!



**SIGN UP AT
WACOLIBRARY.ORG**

Track your reading
and earn prizes
starting June 1.



Waco Fire Stations Can Help You Find Your Lost Pets

Fire House to Your House Program



When most pets get lost, they don't stray far from home. With the Fire House to Your House program, firefighters can help you reunite lost pets with their owner at any Waco fire station.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Locate your nearest fire station using the My Area map on the City of Waco website at waco-texas.com/myarea.
2. Take the animal to the fire station to be scanned and see if a microchip is found. Have patience if firefighters are not at the station, calls for emergency services do come first.
3. If a chip is found, firefighters will give you instructions on how to find the owner with the microchip number.



The Waco Fire Department scans pets from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The person who found the pet is responsible for finding the owner and/or other next steps. Animals cannot be left at any Waco Fire Station. Visit waco-texas.com/fire to learn more about the Fire House to Your House program and other ways you can help reunite a pet with its owner.

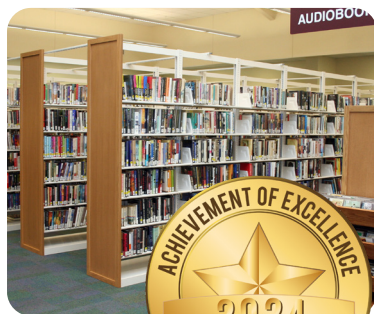


Award-Winning Library

Waco-McLennan County Library Receives Library Excellence Award



Waco-McLennan County Library has received the 2024 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA), an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. Out of the 542 public libraries in Texas, only 102 received this recognition in 2024, placing Waco-McLennan County Library among the state's leading libraries. Visit waco-texas.com/libraryaward to learn more about the Library's achievement and discover the great programs and resources at all four library locations.



DOWNTOWN WACO CONCERTS

BRAZOS NIGHTS

APRIL 4 • MAY 2 • JUNE 20 • JULY 4

Mark your calendars for Brazos Nights' annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 2 at Indian Spring Park. Join us for great food and drinks and live music! Follow us on social media (@brazosnightswaco) for artist announcements coming soon! The concert series will continue on Friday, June 20 at Indian Spring Park and conclude with the Fourth on the Brazos celebration at McLane Stadium's Touchdown Alley.



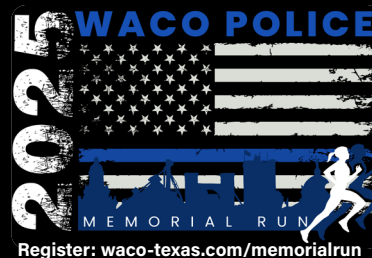
Community Opportunity Event!

the COE MAY 3, 2025
 650 S. UParks Dr.
 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
 AT FOSTER PAVILION

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Youth, teens, and young adults are invited to The COE (Community Opportunity Event)! The Waco Police Department and multiple community organizations will offer youth with life skills, job opportunities, mentoring programs, mental and physical health information, scholarships, and more!



Commemorate police officers killed in the line of duty and recognize the daily commitment of our officers.

8:30 a.m.
 Sat., May 17
 Redwood Shelter in
 Cameron Park



Join Your Neighborhood Association

Meet your neighbors.
 Collaborate.
 Get involved!

waco-texas.com/neighborhoods



Waco-McLennan Public Health Promotes Healthy Living



Let's Move Waco MARCH 22 TO MAY 17

Challenge each other to see how many miles you've traveled while tracking fitness activities. Any movement is good movement! Have you been enjoying martial arts, walking, Zumba, line dancing, rock climbing or water aerobics? Log your activity at waco-texas.com/movewaco.



Healthy Aging Classes MARCH TO JUNE

Embrace healthy aging and join us for free chair yoga classes instructed by Sadie Saunders at three locations in McLennan County. Learn more at waco-texas.com/healthyaging or give us a call at (254) 750-5431.

Empower Our Future Green Leaders

Earn Your Junior Advocate Sustainability Passport



Make this a summer of sustainability! Join Keep Waco Beautiful all summer long with your own passport to sustainable actions around Waco! This passport is packed with activities you can do to help make Waco a beautiful place to live. Once you complete the passport, you are officially a sustainability and junior advocate.

- Check out a litter kit from any of the four Waco Libraries and pick up trash in your neighborhood.
- Complete the Lake Waco Wetlands scavenger hunt.
- Become a recycling pro and find out what can be recycled at home.
- Recycle empty cans at Cameron Park Zoo.
- Plus, even more activities!



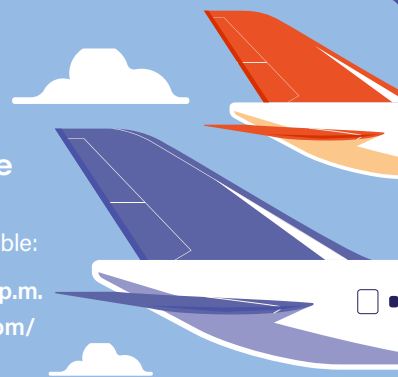
Download the digital passport at keepwacobeautiful.org/sustainabilitypassport.

Traveling this Summer?

The Health District Has All Your Routine & Travel Vaccines



Walk ins available:
Mon. to Fri.
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
waco-texas.com/vaccines



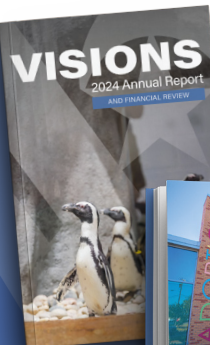
Daddy & Daughter 2-on-2 Basketball Classic

Get ready for an exciting day of basketball at the Daddy and Daughter 2-on-2 Basketball Classic on Sunday, June 15 at Doris Miller Community Center (1020 Elm Ave.)!



This fun event gives fathers and guardians the chance to team up with their daughters (ages 9-12) for a friendly yet competitive basketball tournament. Each team is guaranteed to play at least two games, and if you have more than one child participating, substitutions are welcome.

Registration opens Monday, May 5 and is \$25 per team. Space is limited. To register visit waco-texas.com/parksandrec or call Doris Miller Community Center at (254) 750-1956.



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