

SEE MORE OCTOBER EVENTS

For a list of events, please visit www.waco-texas.com and click on the Calendar icon.

PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The projects identified below provide an outline of the City's initial investment in streets proposed under the 2018/2019 Pavement Management Program. Please note that adjustments to the programmed projects may be necessary due to utility coordination and many other factors. You can find up to date information on the Lake Shore Improvement Project, Ritchie Road Expansion Project and the 2018 Preservation Project at betterstreetswaco.com.

HEALTHY WACO WOMEN

A well-woman exam is one of the best things you can do for your health! It's a great way to check up on your body's needs and learn from your doctor ways to stay happy and healthy. If you don't have insurance, many providers in Waco will work with you to make it more affordable and in some cases free. To find the provider that is right for you, visit www.healthywacowomen.org and check out the 'Where to Go' tab. The map will help you locate the provider nearest to you, and let you pick the type of care you are looking for. Also on the site, sign up to receive a voucher to claim a FREE women's wellness bag at your doctor's office after your well-woman exam.

ZOO BOO - OCT. 31 - 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Nine candy stations spread throughout the Zoo!

Consider us one of your trick or treating stops for the evening. Theme exhibit areas throughout the Zoo. Most are small child friendly--there are a couple of areas that may be a little too scary for small children, but you have the ability to bypass those areas and you will be warned before you enter them.

Since Zoo Boo is a fundraising event, Memberships do not cover admission for this event.

Tickets:
\$9.00 for Individuals 13 and up
\$6.00 for Children 4-12
Children 3 & under do not require a ticket.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/zooboo and at the gate during the event.

Parking will be limited, so arrive early to get a parking space near the Zoo.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Thursday, October 2

National Night Out, 6 - 8:30 p.m. in neighborhoods and community parks around Waco, residents join together with law enforcement to present a unified stand against crime.

Tuesday, October 9

Downtown Neighborhood General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ The Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.)

Thursday, October 11

North East Riverside General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ East Waco Library (901 Elm Ave.)

Thursday, October 18

Landon Branch General Meeting, Dinner - 6 p.m.; meeting - 6:30 p.m. @ Uncle Dan's BBQ (1001 Lake Air Dr. @ Valley Mills Dr.)

Monday, October 22

Brooks Oaks General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ The Dewey Community Center (925 N. 9th St.)

Tuesday, October 23

Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Carver Academy Library (See front entrance sign for location) This is immediately preceded by a Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Associations may make last minute changes to dates or times. Check their websites or social media outlets for the latest information.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

DEA's next Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 27, 2018.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of medicines and drugs. A drop-off site for unwanted drugs and medical patches will be in the lobby of the Waco Police Tower, 3115 Pine Avenue in Waco.

No liquids or needles, please. You can go to www.waco-texas.com or call Waco Solid Waste Services Customer Service at (254) 299-2612 to learn more. Visit www.DEA.gov to find other convenient locations near you!



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CITY LIMITS newsletter



PUZZLED HOW TO BUY A HOUSE?

Are you looking for financial assistance towards the purchase of a home? Let the City of Waco professionals examine the possibility of your qualification for our Down Payment Assistance Loan Program, which provides for possible down payment and closing cost assistance.

If you are low to moderate income, 80% or less of the median income for the City of Waco and want to live within the City limits of Waco, we might be able to help you.

REQUIREMENTS

- Property must be owner occupied. Not for investment purposes.
- Property must be within the City limits of Waco and meet all City codes.
- Borrower must qualify for a FIRST LIEN MORTGAGE—first lien approval is not an automatic approval

for the City of Waco Down Payment Assistance Loan. City of Waco loans must be approved by loan committee.

- Borrower must complete an approved Home Buyer Education Course prior to loan closing.
- Borrower must have at least \$500 of their own funds invested in the home.
- If there is a large difference between current rental payments and estimated new home payment, borrowers will be required to provide a satisfactory letter concerning plans for budgeting for the higher amount.

YOUR NEW HOME!

- Rate: 0%; Interest: 0%
- Maximum mortgage term: 5-15 years dependent upon amount of assistance.
- Total house payment not to exceed 30% of borrower's gross monthly Income.
- Total debts not to exceed 40% of borrower's gross monthly income.

- Maximum loan amount: borrowers with less than 80% of the median income could receive forgivable assistance up to \$25,000 dependent upon individual needs and loan committee approval.
- Additional funds are also available through the IDA Program administered by Grassroots Community Development. This nine month program helps homebuyers to save funds, learn more about home ownership responsibility, and improve credit scores. The IDA funds are matched with buyer funds 2 to 1 with a maximum match of \$2,000. Contact Grassroots Community Development at 254-235-7358.

Call the Housing and Economic Development Department for more information: 254-750-5656 or visit our web site at: www.waco-texas.com.

WACO TOURISM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Visitors are good for Waco! With over 2 million tourists visiting Waco each year, the City of Waco and the Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to recognize a few of YOU who reach out to our visitors to make them feel welcome. Whether they ask a native Wacoan a question or maybe look a little puzzled, we want you to let help Waco shine!

Here are a few ways Wacoans can participate:

- When you see someone who looks a little lost, offer your assistance with directions.
- When you hear people ask about what there is to see and do in Waco, offer your recommendations.
- When you see someone who looks like a tourist, reach out to them and ask them where they are from.
- There are so many ways to help people have a wonderful visit to Waco.

Please remember, when you help a visitor, you become part of their lifelong memories of that Waco trip. If we happen to catch you in the act, we have some cool swag to give you! Waco Tourism Ambassador t-shirts, pins, and more! The logo for the program includes a pineapple, since pineapples are the symbol of hospitality.

Others have said “be like a pineapple! Stand tall, wear a crown and be sweet on the inside! It benefits us all!”

Nominate someone you see going that extra mile to help a visitor. Be sure to get a photo so we can share it on social media. For more information or to nominate someone, please go to whatswiththepineapple.com.



BREW AT THE ZOO

Join the fun at Cameron Park Zoo's 7th Annual Brew at the Zoo Saturday, October 20 from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. Your ticket includes a tasting mug and samples of up to 20 different beers from around the world. The party continues with great music from Haywire with dancing under the Zoo's pavilion. Food from some of your favorite Waco food trucks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Members: \$35 - Non-members: \$45 - Designated drivers: \$25

This is a fundraiser for the Cameron Park Zoo and is open to adults only. The event will happen rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information visit:

www.cameronparkzoo.com/specialevents/brew-at-the-zoo/



AROUND WACO

Waco Cultural Arts Fest – Oct. 5 - 7

The Waco Cultural Arts Fest is a family friendly event held from October 5 – 7 at Indian Spring Park in downtown Waco. The free event includes art exhibitions, dance and spoken word performances and children activities. For more information and a detailed schedule, please visit www.wacoartsfest.org.

Fall Fossil Festival – Oct. 13

The Waco Mammoth National Monument will host the annual Fall Fossil Festival from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 13. The event features fun for the whole family with activities such as paint-a-pumpkin, fossil identification, games and crafts, live animals and more. For admission prices and general information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/waco/index.htm>.

Wild West Century Bike Ride – Oct. 20

Presented by Skittles, the annual Wild West Century Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 20 at Heritage Square. The ride, has been a Waco tradition for 33 years. Registration is underway and costs vary based on distance. For more information visit <http://www.wacowildwest.com/>.

Komen Central Texas Race for the Cure Waco – New Location – Oct. 20

The 18th annual Komen Central Texas Race for the Cure will be held at Brazos Park East on Saturday, October 20. For more information visit <http://komentcentraltexas.org/>.

IRONMAN 70.3 – Oct. 28

Waco will play host to the nationally recognized Ironman 70.3 on Sunday, October 28. Staged just outside of Indian Springs Park, it will begin with a 1.2-mile rectangular swim in the Brazos River, a 56-mile single-loop bike course route and a 13.1-mile double-loop run course.

FAMILY & ADULT ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Family Fun!

- October 4: Family Storytime - 6:30 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 6: Sensory-Friendly Matinee - The Sensory Friendly Matinee is a movie viewing especially for our visitors with special needs. This month, join us for Coraline (PG) 2 p.m. at South Waco.
- October 13: Pumpkin Decorating Party 2:30 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 30: Halloween Carnival - Be sure to wear your costume and get ready for the costume contest at 7. It will be totally spooktacular! 6 p.m. at South Waco.
- October 13: First Feature Flicks - 2:30 p.m. at South Waco.

Adult Events:

- Mondays: Yoga Lunch Break - Just bring your mat, a towel and a bottle of water. Noon at Central Library.
- October 3 & 10: Be Well, Live Well - We're joined by Texas A&M Agrilife for a program on healthy aging. Learn how to reduce your risk for disease, engage in a healthy lifestyle, increase your cognition and enhance your physical abilities. 1:30 p.m. at South Waco.
- October 4: Diabetes Self-Management Program - This six-week workshop developed by Stanford University will help you manage Type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or help care for a loved one with Diabetes. Pre-register with the area agency on Aging by calling 254-292-1857. 2 p.m. at South Waco.
- October 9: Books & Brews - continues this month with The Rules of Magic by Alice Hoffman. We'll meet at Waco Winery (708 Austin Ave). Please drink responsibly. A variety of non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. The City of Waco does not endorse the hosting organization nor any services or products they may provide. 6:30 p.m. at Waco Winery.
- October 13: How Does Your Garden Grow? Learn basics of home composting. 10:30 a.m. at South Waco.
- October 20: True Crime Interest Group - Join us to discuss the famous and infamous stories of true crimes, both local and elsewhere. 11 a.m. at West Waco.

- October 20: Crafty Adults: Upcycled Book Pumpkin - Take an old paperback book and turn it into a pumpkin! Register online to save your spot. 2 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 27: Book vs. Movie: Murder on the Orient Express - 3 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 30: Paint Night at the Library - A fun chance to make an awesome painting with step by step instructions. Be sure to register online to save your spot. 6:30 p.m. at Central Library.

Genealogy Programs

- October 19: 18th Annual Genealogy Lockin - Join us for a great opportunity for beginners and experts to pursue their family history and learn more about genealogy. A series of eight programs, will be in the meeting room from 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. There will be a variety of topics covered. Beginning at 4 p.m. local programs will be presented in the storytime room. Visit wacolibrary.org for a full list of programs. 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- October 8: Brown Bag Lunch: Finding Family in Indian Territory. Noon at West Waco.
- October 8: MCCIG - This group meets at the Library every month to work toward becoming the central source of cemetery information in McLennan County by recording cemetery and burial information for future generations. 5:30 p.m. at West Waco.

Fun for Little Kids (ages 6 & under)

- Mondays: 10:30 a.m. - Romp & Read at SWL (ages 2-4).
- Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Storytime at EWL (ages 3-6)
- 10:30 a.m. - Baby Time at WWL (ages 0-12 months)
- Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Storytime at WWL (ages 3-6)
- 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Time at Central (ages 1-2)
- Thursdays: 10:30 a.m. - Storytime at Central (ages 3-6)
- Fridays: 10:30 a.m. - Storytime at SWL (ages 3-6)

Fun for Big Kids (ages 6-11)

- Mondays: Kids Minecraft Club - If you

- love Minecraft, this is a weekly chance to join us and explore the Library's realm. You must register online to attend this program. 6:30 p.m. at West Waco.
- Tuesdays: LEGO Lab - Use your imagination to create something great with LEGOs! We bring the LEGOs, you bring the ideas! 4 p.m. at East Waco.
- October 12: Cookies & Coloring with the Art Center of Waco - Kids ages 5 & up can learn about a different artist every month. Enjoy a cookie, color a famous work of art and check out a book while you're here! 4 p.m. at East Waco.
- October 20: Yoga for Kids - Can you be a tree, a cat or an airplane? With yoga you can! 2 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 27: Kids Roblox Club - If you love this online game, join us work on creativity and problem solving. Space is limited, so be sure to register online. 2:30 p.m. at West Waco.

Fun for Teens (ages 11-17)

- Mondays: Game On! - Team up or face off with Nintendo Switch games at this after school gaming event. Plus, we'll have tabletop and card games. 4 p.m. at East Waco.
- Wednesdays: Girls Who Code - This club is a great chance to explore computer science in a safe, supportive environment. 4 p.m. at East Waco.
- Thursdays: Thursday Crafternoon - Every week, teens can get crafty and learn something new. 4 p.m. at West Waco.
- October 4: PaintTeens - Teens can join us every month to learn new painting techniques and walk away with an awesome picture. Register online. 4:30 p.m. at East Waco.
- October 12: Teen After Hours: Slender Man Maze - Join us when the library is closed for a Slender Man Maze. We'll have scary movies, snacks and a fun, spooky activity. Remember that you must be at least 13 to attend this after hours event. 5:45 p.m. at South Waco.
- October 18: Anime Club - Watch anime, get creative and talk about it with other people who like anime as much as you do! Learn about Japanese culture through the characters in the books and movies! 7:00 p.m. at West Waco.