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City of Waco Holiday Information

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:

Christmas Holiday, the City offices will be closed.

The Solid Waste Offices and Cobbs Recycling Center will be closed both days. The Landfill will be open on Tuesday, and will be closed on Wednesday.

Tuesday's trash will be collected as usual on December 24.

WACO TRANSIT HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 24:

- Waco Transit System will run regular service.
- The Silo District Trolley will run service until 4 p.m., and the LaSalle Circle Shuttle will run service till 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25:

- Waco Transit System will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Attractions Closed Wednesday, December 25:

- Waco Mammoth National Monument
- Cameron Park Zoo
- Texas Ranger Museum
- McLennan County Libraries (closed December 24)

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The City of Waco welcome area school students as they perform in front of the Christmas tree on the first floor of Waco City Hall as part of our annual Sounds of the Season. We invite area citizens to come and enjoy these short performances as well as watch them on WCCC-TV throughout the holiday season. For performance schedule visit: www.waco-texas.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Monday, December 2

University General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ South Waco Community Center (2815 Speight Ave.)

Tuesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 12

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

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24

Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Carver Academy Library. 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.

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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT STATION AT THE WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT

Make and keep a free, mammoth-themed ornament during the Waco Mammoth National Monument's holiday craft station. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 23-24. For information, call (254) 750-7946.



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DOWNTOWN WACO WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CAMP

Join us December 6 - 8 at Heritage Square for holiday food, fun and cheer during the 6th annual Waco Wonderland festival. The celebration kicks off on Friday, December 6th at 5 p.m. with the opening of the ferris wheel, live music, food, art vendors, carriage rides and visits with Santa. A tree lighting ceremony and firework show concludes the first evening of holiday festivities. On Saturday, the Communities in Schools Wonderland Run will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the Holiday Parade at 10 a.m. with additional activities such as the Snow Tube Hill Saturday afternoon through Sunday evening. For more information and a complete schedule follow us on Facebook or visit the website at www.wacowonderland.com.

8th Annual Santa at the Station

Waco Transit System will offer free photos with Santa from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, December 13th. Event is rain or shine and will take place inside the Waco Transit Administration Building, located at 301 S. 8th Street. Photos will be available for free download on the Waco Transit System Facebook page the week following the event. Santa at the Station was made possible through a partnership with the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District/WIC Program. Call (254) 750-1900 for more info.

Registration is underway for the City of Waco Parks and Recreation Winter Camps! Bledsoe-Miller, Dewey and South Waco Community Centers are offering holiday camps from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on December 23 to January 3. Children ages 5 to 13 will take part in recreational activities, field trips, arts, crafts and more. Registration is \$100, per child.

The centers are closed Dec. 24th, 25th and Jan. 1st. For more information or to register, contact the community centers at South Waco 750-8650, Bledsoe-Miller at 750-8684 and Dewey at 750-8677.

JOIN THE WACO POWER SWITCH

Find out if you can save money on your electric bills

We know that many people are still overpaying for their electricity. So, with the approval of the City Council, the City of Waco is working with iChoosr to help our residents save money on their electric bills with the Waco Power Switch.



Those who have already switched with other Power Switch Programs have saved an average of approximately \$375 per year on their energy bills. The more people who take part, the greater the chances are of obtaining a competitive energy rate. There's no fee to participate or obligation to switch.

Register at www.texaspowerswitch.com/waco – it only takes a few minutes. You'll receive a personal offer email by February 11, 2020. If you decide to accept the offer, the Waco Power Switch will take care of the entire switch. If you decide it doesn't work for you, simply ignore it – there is no obligation.

Questions? Call 1-888-376-2077 or email texaspowerswitch@ichoosr.com for more information.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is partnering with the Waco Public Library to bring free exhibits to the public. A new exhibit about Texas Rangers in pop culture, such as the legendary Lone Ranger, will be installed at Central Library. The exhibit will be on display December 2019 through February 2020.

WACO CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

This program is designed to give citizens a working knowledge of the Waco Police Department and raises citizens awareness. It's a 12 week course held on Thursdays from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Class topics include police recruiting, traffic stops, SWAT, police negotiations, K-9, crime scene, crime prevention, and more. Instruction consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours and/or hands-on activities. Applicants are subject to a criminal background investigation, prior to being accepted into the academy. Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy are eligible to join the Waco Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Next Academy Begins: Thursday, January 30, 2020 (classes held each Thursday from 6 – 8:30 p.m. for 12 weeks)

Location: Waco Police Department, 3115 Pine Ave.

Deadline for applications: Friday, January 17, 2020 by 5 p.m.

Applicants must be 18 years old or older.

Questions, contact Candice Ortiz at candiceo@wacotx.gov or 750-1764.

To apply visit our website at <http://www.waco-texas.com/police/police-citizen-academy.asp>.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Waco residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the Cobbs Recycling Center or the Waco Landfill with proof of Waco residency, which is a driver's license and matching Waco water bill. Trees will be mulched and not landfilled.



Anyone can drop off holiday boxes, glass bottles and jars and plastic or metal containers at the Cobbs Recycling Center for recycling.

Christmas Trees at curbside:

Live Christmas trees are collected from residential curbside by the Waco Solid Waste Services Department during "green weeks." Residents should place undecorated trees at the curb in front of their property near their grey trash cart. Christmas trees will be mulched with other green materials.

WAYS TO CONTACT THE CITY

Visit www.waco-texas.com and select Directory at the top of the page for phone numbers and email addresses for staff & departments.

- Water & Sewer Utilities (includes after hour emergencies) 299-2489 or email wateroncall@wacotx.gov
- Animal Control (M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) 750-1765. After 5 p.m.: (254) 750-7500
- Police (non-Emergencies) 750-7500
- Traffic/Streets (Traffic Lights, Pot-holes, hazards-includes after hours emergencies) 750-8690
- Solid Waste (M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) 299-2612
- To Report a Dead Animal in Street After 5 p.m.: 299-2489

CENSUS 2020

Responding to the #2020Census is our civic duty and affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. To learn more visit WhyiCountWaco.org. Census postcards will begin arriving by mail March 2020. Everybody Counts. You Count. Waco Counts when you complete the online census form by April 1, 2020.

Your Response Matters

The census can shape many aspects of your community.

- For every single person who does not complete the census in 2020, our community stands to lose up to \$1,800 towards these vital resources.
- The results determine how many seats in Congress Texas will get and will determine school and city district lines.
- By, law the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 for the U.S. Code.

LEARNING & FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Adult Events

December 5 at 2 p.m. at East Waco Library: Holiday Stress Busting – We're partnering with the Public Health District to offer tips on beating the holiday stress.
December 10 at 6:30 p.m.: Our traveling book club will visit Buzzard Billy's (100 S IH 35) to discuss *Don't Skip Out on Me* by Willy Vlautin.
December 11 at 6 p.m. at Central Library: Anime and Manga Club - Every month, join us to talk about your favorite titles, get suggestions from other fans and help us pick the most popular titles for the library!
December 12 at 2 p.m. at East Waco Library: Healthy Nutrition on a Budget - Get tips and tricks with Emily from the Health District and stay on track!
December 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Central Library: We're setting up a special time for our adult visitors with special needs. We'll have stories, crafts and life skills lessons.

Family Events

December 7 at 2 p.m. at South Waco Library: Join us for movie magic! We'll be

watching the classic Disney film Aladdin.
December 13 at 4 p.m. at South Waco Library: Our Christmas tree is looking pretty empty! Come by and help us decorate. We'll have everything you need to make a unique ornament to display.
December 20 at 4 p.m. at East Waco Library: Christmas crafts Make & Take.
December 21 at 1 p.m. at Central Library: Saturday Family Storytime - Bring the family to this new Saturday storytime!
December 28 at 11 a.m. at East Waco Library: Waco's Got Game: Dominoes - The whole family can play dominoes!

Kids Events (*register online to save your spot)

December 7 at 11 a.m. at Central Library: LEGO Lab - Use your imagination to create something great with LEGOs!
December 14 at 2 p.m. at Central Library: STEAM Team*: - Learn science, technology, engineering, art and math skills.
December 14 at 2:30 p.m. at West Waco Library: If you love Roblox*, come work on creativity and problem solving by creating games for others. Space is limited.
December 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Central Library: Preschoolers and toddlers are

CENSO 2020

Responder al #2020Census es nuestro deber cívico y afecta la asignación de fondos para los recursos públicos de nuestra comunidad, cómo planificamos para el futuro y nuestra voz en el gobierno. Para obtener más información, visite WhyiCountWaco.org. Las postales del censo comenzarán a llegar por correo en marzo de 2020. Todos cuentan. Tú cuentas. Waco cuenta cuando completes el censo en línea antes del 1° de abril de 2020.

Tu Respuesta Importa.

El censo puede darle forma a muchos aspectos de su comunidad.

- Por cada persona que no complete el censo en 2020, nuestra comunidad puede perder hasta \$ 1,800 para estos recursos vitales.
- Los resultados determinan cuántos asientos obtendrá en el Congreso de Texas y determinarán la líneas del distrito para la escuela y la ciudad.
- Por ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede divulgar ninguna información identificable sobre usted, su hogar o su negocio, ni siquiera a las agencias del gobierno. Eso está protegido por el Título 13 del Código de EE. UU.

invited to our monthly Block Party at Central Library! Ages 6 & younger.
December 21 at 2 p.m. at West Waco Library: Yoga for Kids.
December 27 at 2 p.m. at West Waco Library: Winter Wonderland of Games - If it's chilly outside, come in to play games with us. Games and a wonderland crafts.
December 27 at 4 p.m. at South Waco Library: Bring your decks, use our laptops, play Nintendo Switch and catch 'em all on Pokemon Go!
December 28 at 11 a.m. at West Waco Library: Kid's Minecraft Club*

Teen Events (*register online to save your spot)

December 10 at 4:30 p.m. at Central Library: PaintTeens* - Every month, teens get together and work on their art skills.
December 13 at 5:45 p.m. at South Waco Library: Teen After Hours: Take a Chill Pill - Watch cartoons, play with Play-Doh, color something beautiful and just relax.
December 28 at 3 p.m. at West Waco Library: Level Up!* continues all year long! Join the RPG club for beginners and experts. Register online to save your spot.