

## SEE MORE SEPTEMBER EVENTS

For a list of events, please visit [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) and click on the Calendar icon.

## WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

The Heart of Texas 20th Annual Wine and Food Festival, also known as WineFest, will be held September 21 from 6 - 10 p.m. This is the major fundraiser of the Humane Society of Central Texas for its community services, life-saving programs and day-to-day shelter operations.

This year's evening WineFest will take place at McLane Stadium. Ticket holders may taste more than 200 wines and sample food from 30+ restaurants. You will enjoy live music from local band Three4One; a Beer Tent and Sports area with 3 big screen TV's showing the day's sporting events; a BBQ Cook-Off; Red Carpet Dog Walk featuring adoptable shelter dogs; a large silent auction and the famous "Cork Pull" where everyone goes home with a bottle of wine! VIP Ticket holders will have early access to the event along with exclusive wine and food pairing, and a take home VIP Wine Glass.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door [www.wacowinefestival.com](http://www.wacowinefestival.com).

## HEALTHY WOMEN & CHILDREN COALITION

September is National Baby Safety Month! Parents, did you know that baby safety consists of not only baby proofing your home, but also choosing safe baby products? Babies love to touch, taste, and smell everything in their reach, but sometimes this curiosity can lead to unsafe situations. Baby proofing is often the first means of ensuring your child's safety. Although baby proofing may be tedious, moms and dads can turn this into an entertaining activity by seeing their home from a baby's perspective. Baby proofing includes keeping electrical cords and appliances, household chemicals, magnets, hot items such as pots on the stove or mugs of coffee/tea, batteries, and loose change stored away from easy to reach places. Additionally, you can install baby gates even if your baby doesn't crawl or walk yet. It's never too late to baby or child proof your home!

You can also ensure your baby's safety by examining baby products and making sure they're safe to use and age-appropriate. Also remember to always supervise your child. Baby proofing and choosing safe baby products not only provides a safe space for your child, but it also allows you to comfortably enjoy every moment you have with your baby.

If you need help choosing safe baby products or baby proofing your home, don't be afraid to ask product manufacturers for more safety information and your friends and family for help with your home. For more resources and information, visit <https://babysafetyzone.org/hot-topics/baby-safety-month> and <https://www.cdc.gov/parents/infants/safety.html>.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

### Monday, September 9

Sanger Heights General Meeting, 7 p.m. @ The Dewey Community Center (925 N. 9th St.)

Kendrick General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Kendrick Elementary (1801 Kendrick Lane)

### Tuesday, September 10

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

### Thursday, September 12

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

### Monday, September 23

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

### Tuesday, September 24

Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Carver Academy Library (1601 J J Flewellen Rd.). This is immediately preceded by a Borad meeting at 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, September 26

Alta Vista General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - refreshments/7 p.m. @ Family of Faith Church of the Nazarene (3336 Garden Dr.)

*Neighborhood Associations may make last minute changes to dates or times.*

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## WACO CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL IS COMING

Celebrate the arts at the Waco Cultural Arts Fest, from Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11. The **FREE** Waco Cultural Arts Fest will fill Indian Spring Park and parts of the Waco Convention Center with **SIX** festivals. Enjoy live music, dance, poetry, puppet shows, food and free art activities for the entire family. Shop for original art and photography, create your own art, STEM projects, recite/hear poetry, and dance to African drums!

### (254)DanceFest:

Features professional contemporary dance companies selected by jury, plus student dance companies performing throughout the festival in the Convention Center. FREE classes will be held by celebrated instructors.



**ArtFest:** Professional artists will sell paintings/drawings, fiber art, jewelry, ceramics, stained glass, photos and more at the artists market. Artists of all ages can create their own masterpieces in easel art, wood art, masks and more -- **FREE!**



**MusicFest:** The Indian Spring Amphitheater starts rocking Friday night at 6 p.m. On Saturday at 11 a.m. listen to local orchestras perform, plus area dance studio students and a host of area musicians and bands.

**WordFest:** Features writer workshops, published authors' panels and open mic performances

in the Convention Center. Featured Poet is Loretta Diane Walker.

**FilmFest:** See the majesty of Africa through film/discussion in the Convention Center. Enjoy traditional African dance, drums, storytelling and food. African crafts, clothing and gifts will be available to buy.

**ScienceFest:** See interactive exhibits, science-themed demonstrations and family-friendly science entertainment in the Convention Center.



For more information and detailed schedule, please visit: [www.wacoartsfest.org](http://www.wacoartsfest.org).

## TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN: WHAT IS IT?

Trap-neuter-return (TNR) is a humane, non-lethal alternative to the trap-and-kill method of controlling cat populations.

TNR is a management technique in which homeless, free-roaming cats are humanely trapped, evaluated and sterilized by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinated against rabies, and then returned to their habitat.

### What is the primary benefit of TNR?

In the long term, TNR lowers the numbers of cats in the community more effectively than trap-and-kill. Good samaritans in neighborhoods all across Waco provide food, water and shelter for community cats, and TNR provides a non-lethal, humane way to effectively manage these community cat populations. Stopping the breeding and removing some cats for adoption is more effective than the traditional trap-and-kill method in lowering the numbers of cats in a community long-term.

### What are the other benefits of TNR?

- TNR reduces shelter admissions and operating costs. Also, fewer cats in shelters increases shelter adoption rates.

- These programs create safer communities and promote public health by reducing the number of unvaccinated cats.
- TNR programs improve the lives of free-roaming cats. When males are neutered, they are no longer compelled to maintain a large territory or fight over mates, and females are no longer forced to endure the physical and mental demands of giving birth and fending for their young.
- Sterilizing community cats reduces or even eliminates the behaviors that can lead to nuisance complaints.

Animal Services has partnered with Animal Birth Control Clinic to develop an expanded TNR program to help reduce outdoor cat populations in Waco. For more information on this program as well as additional resources, visit <https://www.waco-texas.com/animal-control-spay-neuter.asp>.



## WAYS TO CONTACT THE CITY



- Visit [www.waco-texas.com](http://www.waco-texas.com) and select Directory at the top of the page for phone numbers and email addresses for staff & departments.

### Frequent numbers (some with after hour contacts):

- Water & Sewer Utilities (includes after hour emergencies) 299-2489 or email [wateroncall@wacotx.gov](mailto: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, Potholes, hazards-includes after hours emergencies) 750-8690
- Solid Waste (M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) 299-2612
- Report a Dead Animal in Street After 5 p.m.: 299-2489

## Interesting Things About Waco

Want to learn more about your city? The Waco City Cable Channel has a wide selection of short videos that you can watch from your phone or computer on demand. You can watch any of these short videos from a variety of ways including our mobile app (just search WCCC.TV in the Apple Store), on our web channel ([www.wccc.tv](http://www.wccc.tv)), our YouTube channel, Roku, or Apple TV channels.

From our website or mobile app just click on "Shorts". Here are some of the short videos about Waco:

- Did You Know – Interesting Waco Facts
- Cookin' on the Spot – Recipes from Convention Chef
- How To – How to use City services
- Good Gardening- Tips from McLennan County Master Gardeners
- Images of Waco – Beautiful videos of various Waco locations
- Markers in Time – Videos describing Historic Markers in Waco
- Myths & Legends – Interesting tales about Waco
- On the Avenue – Videos on downtown businesses
- Waco Parks – Video tour of individual neighborhood parks
- Waco A Moment In Time – Short stories on Waco's past
- Music Videos – Music videos from Brazos Nights Concerts

## CITY OF WACO INFORMATION

City offices will be closed Monday, September 3 in honor of Labor Day.

Solid Waste offices, Cobbs Recycling and the Landfill will be closed on Labor Day.

Monday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 5th.

All libraries will be closed Sunday, September 2 - Monday, September 3 in honor of Labor Day. All will reopen on Tuesday, September 4th.

Waco Transit will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day (with the exception of Medicaid trips, which will run as scheduled).

## SEPTEMBER LIBRARY SCHEDULE!

### Children & Family Lineup!

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at South Waco is Parent Playgroup: Join parents with preschool-age kids to learn early literacy skills through songs, puppets and more.

September 7- 2 p.m. at South Waco is Disney Day: Cinderella-Watch a Disney classic to sing and dance along.

September 13- 4 p.m. at West Waco is Magic Mania: Watch magic tricks, learn the secrets and amaze your friends and family.

September 21-11 a.m. at the Central library is Family Storytime: We'll have crafts, songs, movement and stories!

### Teens

September 10- 4:30 p.m. at East Waco is PainTeens: Register online for this monthly painting class.

September 13- 5:45 p.m. at South Waco is Teen After Hours Escape Room: Solve a Potter-tastic mystery and escape to victory! Games, snacks and an awesome escape room.

September 18- 4:30 p.m. at East Waco is Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament: Duke it out as your favorite Nintendo characters and face off against other competitors.

September 26- 7 p.m. at West Waco is Fantasy Anime: Bring your passion for Anime to the library! We'll talk Japanese culture and your favorite Anime and manga. This month, the focus will be on Fantasy Anime.



### Adult & Seniors Events

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at South Waco is A Matter of Balance: Register online for this eight week course to learn to control and prevent falls. Increase your strength and balance. The Area Agency on Aging will be bringing their expertise, so you don't want to miss it.

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at West Waco is Dungeons & Dragons: If you're a player or you want to be, join us! We've got the dice and a Master who will make the game come alive.

Thursdays at 6 p.m. at East Waco is Waco Gets Healthy-Diabetes: Join by Texas A&M Agrilife Extension for a five week course about diabetes. Learn about how it affects your health and how to manage diabetes with self-care and helpful resources.

September 10- 6:30 p.m. at Clay Pot is Books & Brews: The book club will be at Clay Pot (416 Franklin Ave.) to discuss Graffiti Palace by A.G. Lombardo.

September 14- 10:30 a.m. at South Waco is Beekeeping 101: Learn from the McLennan County Master Gardeners. Register online.

September 14 - 2 p.m. at West Waco is Crafty Adults - Gourd Decoration: There's paint, gems and ribbons to make a beautiful, sparkling gourd. Register online to save your spot.

### Genealogy Events:

September 14- 10:30 a.m. at West Waco & Genealogy Center is CTGS Genealogy Beginners Class: Kick off your genealogy exploration with Bill Buckner and Norma Cannata of the Central Texas Genealogical Society.

September 16- noon at West Waco & Genealogy Center is Pinterest for the Genealogist: The Central Texas Genealogical Society's Ron Barnett

will share tips and tricks for using Pinterest.

September 28 - 10:30 a.m. at West Waco & Genealogy Center is Family-Search Affiliate Library: What Does it Mean for You? We're one of only 460 FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries in the world, so you have access to exclusive content, 2 billion images and records.

### New at the Library

If you work with seniors, we're launching a new outreach program just for you. If you're interested in having the Pop Up Library at your location, call 750-5974 or email [WM-CLcommunityservices@wacotx.gov](mailto:WM-CLcommunityservices@wacotx.gov).

September is Library Card Sign Up Month! If you need a library card, apply online and get one right away! We've got a rewards program for new and continuing library card users. You can win fabulous prizes.

For more info about these and other Library programs, visit [wacolibrary.org](http://wacolibrary.org).

## WORK FOR THE CITY OF WACO



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## Job Fair

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND  
Texas Workforce Solutions  
1416 S. New Road Waco, Texas 76711  
10 AM - 2 PM