

SEE MORE APRIL EVENTS

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BRAZOS NIGHTS Concert Series 2020

The City of Waco's Brazos Nights concert series is set to return to downtown Waco this spring and summer. For more than 30 years, Brazos Nights has brought good times and great music to the riverfront next to the historic Suspension Bridge. With outstanding musicians, food trucks and family fun, the award-winning concerts are a true Waco tradition.

This year's concert series kicks off on Friday, April 3 at Indian Spring Park, located at 100 University Parks Drive. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. Additional concerts will take place on May 1 and June 12 and will conclude on July 4 with the Fourth on the Brazos celebration at Touchdown Alley next to Baylor's McLane Stadium.

This year's concert lineup will be announced soon, so stay tuned! For information and the latest updates, visit www.brazosnightswaco.com or follow Brazos Nights on Facebook.

ART ON ELM AVENUE

Art on Elm returns to downtown Waco on Saturday, April 18 and will feature a pop-up art exhibition, live art demonstrations, music, food, children's activities and more! The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., along historic Elm Avenue. Art on Elm aims to aid in efforts to develop our urban areas and celebrate Waco's rich artistic culture. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. For information, visit www.artonelm.org.

More details and information find us at artonelm.org.

SILO DISTRICT MARATHON

The 3rd Annual Silo District Marathon weekend, hosted by Magnolia, will take place on April 25-26. Saturday will feature a Kid's Fun Run and 5K race, while the full marathon and half-marathon will take place on Sunday. Street closures will be in place throughout the day, and impacted areas will include parts of downtown Waco, Indian Spring Park, residential neighborhoods and Baylor University. For information and to view race routes, visit <https://magnolia.com/events/silo-district-marathon/>.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Thursday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 16

Landon Branch general meeting, dinner: 6 p.m. meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Uncle Dan's Barbeque (1001 Lake Air Dr. @ Valley Mills Dr.)

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

Carver General Meeting, 6 p.m. @ Carver Academy Library. This is immediately preceded by a Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE IN APRIL

The City of Waco's Annual Report publication, VISIONS, will be available in April. To receive a copy in the mail, please complete and return the order form with your water payment.

Copies will also be available at City Hall, the Water Office, branch libraries and Community Centers. Or, call 750-5639 to leave a request and address. You can also view the report online at www.waco-texas.com.

Please fill out the information below & return it with your water bill payment.

YES! PLEASE MAIL MY FREE COPY OF THE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO:

Name:

Address:

HEALTHY WOMEN & CHILDREN COALITION

Did you know that 10.8% of births in Texas are preterm? Additionally, preterm birth rates among African American women are 38% higher than the preterm birth rates among all other women. March of Dimes is an organization dedicated to reducing preterm birth rates and improving the health of moms and babies across the nation, regardless of race, background, or socioeconomic status. Every year, March of Dimes hosts an event, March for Babies, to fundraise for

their mission, celebrate healthy moms and babies, and to pay tribute to the moms and babies that the community has lost. Join our community this year at March for Babies on Saturday, April 25 at the Cameron Park Zoo to support March of Dimes and their cause of helping more babies be born healthy! Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the event starts at 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about March of Dimes please visit: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/>



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CITY LIMITS newsletter



NEW BRUSH COLLECTION ORDINANCE

In order to reduce residential curbside brush clutter throughout the city without increasing collection fees, the City of Waco revised its Solid Waste Brush Collection Ordinance to provide residents who have limbs and brush the opportunity to place the brush in a pile no larger than **4 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet** high near their curb. This is about the same size as the bed of a typical pickup truck.

The one pile can be placed on the resident's property, not in the street, twice a month for pickup on the weeks the green yard waste carts are collected. Any amounts larger than the four-by-four-by-four must be hauled to the landfill by the resident or someone they contract with. Citizens are allowed four free trips to the landfill and four free trips to the Citizen Convenience Center each year to dispose of brush and bulky waste when they show a copy of their Waco Utility bill and matching Photo I.D. as proof of residency. Additional collections will occur when the City hosts Council District Residential Curbside Cleanup Days, typically twice a year.

Also in the event of major storm damage the Mayor can declare an emergency and identify specific areas of the City where larger amounts of storm damaged trees can be placed at curbside by residents (not commercial tree companies) who can call the City for special storm damage collection for a limited specific time. This special storm damage collection is included in the same monthly fee.

Commercial yard and tree companies must haul their brush off and not leave it at a resident's curbside. Persons or companies interested in providing brush hauling and/or tree work can submit their names to be included in a list the city will provide to residents on our website. (The City neither recommends, indorses, pays nor receives anything from any vendor listed. The list is provided only to assist residents in finding someone to help remove their brush). An informative video can be seen showing the details of this brush collection plan along with other details on the City's website at www.waco-texas.com or by calling 299-2612 for more information.

CITY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ISO CLASS 1 RATING

In the Spring of 2019, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) conducted a formal evaluation of all of the elements involved to improve the city's classification from its previous class two up to a one. The evaluation included rating of the city's fire protection capabilities including: emergency communications, the fire department, and fire prevention as well as the City's water system.

At the February 4, 2020 city council meeting representatives from the State Fire Marshall office and the ISO office formally presented the Mayor and City

Council with the distinction of Waco earning a class one rating.

A community's ISO rating is used by insurance underwriters to establish the rate to be charged for a homeowner's insurance. Many city of Waco departments have worked hard to bring this top rating to its citizens with the ultimate goal being to save lives and property while providing the opportunity to save money on insurance costs. Less than one percent of the over 47 thousand fire departments in the nation have earned the elite achievement Waco has for its citizens.

TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Join the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for a reception at the Texas Ranger Education Center on April 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Center is available for use by non-profits, schools/home school co-ops, churches, professional and children's organizations and governmental agencies. See this state of the art facility and learn how it can benefit your organization at the event! For more information go to www.texasranger.org.



WHAT DO YOU DO if you find a litter of kittens?



- Please do not assume they are abandoned.
- The mother frequently leaves for hours at a time to find food & water for her babies.
- She knows exactly where she left them & will be back soon.



Questions? Call (254) 750-1765

CITY OF WACO CAREERS

JOIN OUR TEAM

The City of Waco offers a competitive salary based on qualifications and experience. Our comprehensive benefit package includes a retirement program with Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) that guarantees a monthly annuity for your life, longevity pay, sick leave, and paid vacation and holiday time.

To view our current job openings and to apply visit: www.waco-texas.com/employment

The City of Waco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ONLINE COURT PAYMENTS



- Pay your ticket
 - Sign-up for Driver Safety Course
 - Deferred Disposition Option
- (please visit website for terms and conditions)



www.waco-texas.com/court

EASTER EGG HUNTS

- Bledsoe-Miller Community Center**
Saturday, April 4: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Ages 0 - 13 years old
- South Waco Community Center**
Saturday, April 4: 11 a.m.
Ages 0 - 13 years old
- Dewey Community Center**
Saturday, April 4: 11:30 a.m.
Ages 0 - 13 years old



WACO POLICE MEMORIAL RUN

The Waco Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association would like to invite you to participate in the annual 5K & 10K Police Memorial Run being held on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Lake Waco Dam.

Register online at: wacopolice.com and click on the poster to register.

For more information regarding this race you can visit the run website or contact Candice Ortiz at 254-750-1764.

SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY FOR FUN!

Big News: National Library Week!

Storytime with the Council: Our City Council Members join us for a special storytime to celebrate National Library Week. Catch them all week long!

- Andrea Barefield: East Waco Library, District 1, Tues., April 21, 10:30 a.m.
- John Kinnaird: West Waco Library, District 3, Wed., April 22, 10:30 a.m.
- Dillion Meek: Central Library, District 4, Thurs., April 23, 10:30 a.m.
- Jim Holmes: West Waco Library, District 5, Thurs., April 23, 6:30 p.m.
- Hector Sabido: South Waco Library, District 2, Fri. April 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Programs

Books & Brews: Join our traveling book club at the Blue Dog Wine & Martini Bar and discuss *November Road* by Lou Berney. Set against the assassination of JFK, this crime novel follows a loyal street lieutenant in the New Orleans mob. (April 14, 6:30 p.m. at Blue Dog Wine & Martini Bar (2004 N. Valley Mills)).

Crafty Adults: Macrame Necklace*: With basic macrame skills you'll learn to make a delightful handmade necklace. (April 18, 2 p.m. at West Waco Library)

First Feature Flicks: Jump for our hottest movie titles when you watch them with us. This month: *Jumanji: The Next Level*. (April 18 at 2 p.m. at South Waco Library)

Instant Pot Cooking: Put your Instant Pot to the test. Get recipes and techniques from the McLennan County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. (April 25 at 10:30 a.m. at South Waco Library)

Life Learning: We're setting up a special time for our adult visitors with special needs. We'll have stories, crafts and life skills lessons. (April 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Central Library)

Book Tasting: Explore a menu of fresh spring books! Browse a selection of titles and make notes on what you like. (April 4 at 10:30 a.m. at West Waco Library)

Anime and Manga Club: A club for adults who loves anime, manga and cosplay. (April 8 & 22 at 6 p.m. at Central Library)

Family Programs

Waco's Got Game: Dominoes: The whole family can sit down and play dominoes! (April 25 at 2 p.m. at East Waco Library)

Family Storytime: It's a great day to spend with family at the Library. Bring the family to enjoy a story, songs and crafts. (April 18 at 11 a.m. at Central Library)

Giant Games Day: We've got BIG indoor fun. Build problem solving skills, work on social literacy and play giant games. (April 18 at 3p.m. at Central Library)

Disney Days: We'll be watching the Disney film *Frozen II*. (April 4 at 2 p.m. at South Waco Library)

Genealogy Program

Discover New Ancestral Information by Connecting Through Social Media: Connecting with living family members might be the key to solving a family mystery, and social media is an amazing tool for making connections. Learn how to use social media to discover unknown living family members. (April 6 at noon at West Waco Library)

Kids Programs

STEAM Team: Robots: The Robotics team from Reicher Catholic High School will visit us to demo their robot skills! Watch robots move, stack and pick up items and learn how to design, create and code to make the robots GO! Then build your own robot with a kit and see what you can do. (April 11 at 11 a.m. at Central Library)

Preschool Storytime: Carseat Safety Demos: We're going to have a fun storytime PLUS our friends from TxDOT will be visiting to give a demonstration on carseat safety. (April 14 - 16 at 10:30 a.m. at all storytime locations)

Yoga for Kids: Kids have their own space to learn and practice yoga skills. (April 18 at 2 p.m. at West Waco Library)

Cookies and Coloring: The Art Center of Waco is back with Cookies and Coloring! This season will focus on Post-Impressionism. This month's artist: Vincent Van Gogh (April 24 at 4 p.m. at East Waco Library)

Can You Build It? Kite Workshop: Build a one-of-a-kind kite to fly all spring and summer. (April 29 at 4 p.m. at Central Library)

Teen Programs

Teens & Tech: Technology isn't going anywhere, so we've got a chance for teens to learn to use tech as tools. (April 1, 15 & 29 at 4 p.m. at East Waco Library)

Teen Writers: Bring your writings or start from scratch and do something totally new during National Poetry Month. (April 11 at 3 p.m. at West Waco Library)

PaintTeens*: Every month, teens get together and work on their art skills. This month let's get abstract and paint some colorful zebras. (April 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Central Library)

Teen Anime Club: If Anime is your passion, bring it to the Library! (April 2, 16 & 30 at 7 p.m. at West Waco Library)

Teen After Hours: Hunger Games with your Peeps: Break out your best Hunger Games cosplay and join us for trials to ensure the survival of your Peeps. (April 3 at 5:45 p.m. at South Waco Library)

Teen Summer Job Fair: Employers will be here taking applications, so dress professionally and put your best foot forward. (April 4 at 2 p.m. at East Waco Library)

Crunch Time: Time management is tough, so if homework has you up, we can help! We'll have laptops and supplies set up to work on homework or projects. (April 5 & 19 at 1 p.m. at Central Library)

Teen Roblox: Build Roblox games and play other games on this social platform with over 48 million players. (April 8 & 22 at 4 p.m. at East Waco Library)

Random Fandom: Bring your fandom and we'll talk about why it's so amazing! Books, movies, shows and music are all on the table, so we want to know what you're loving right now. (April 9 & 23 at 6:30 p.m. at West Waco Library)

Hangout! We'll have lots of options, so you can let us know what YOU want to do. Games, hands-on activities and even homework time (if that's what you're into) will all be available. You can choose your afternoon fun. (Mondays at 4 p.m. at East Waco Library)

