

SEE MORE JULY EVENTS ANY DATES LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE CHANGED OR CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS

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

FIND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



What's My Neighborhood?

To find your neighborhood association, visit waco-texas.com/neighborhoods or call 254.750.5640. (Please note that COVID-19 has limited neighborhood association activity. Check our website often for updates to the schedules, visit your neighborhood's social media pages, or call us!)

There are about 26 distinct neighborhood associations in Waco each with their unique identities. They are independent organizations separate from the City to improve the quality of life within the neighborhood's boundaries based on what its members decide are the needs, concerns and priorities. If the association is not active in your neighborhood, this could be a great opportunity for you to start one.

CITY NEWS

City of Waco offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in honor of the Independence holiday. Details follow concerning some specific services and departments:

The Solid Waste offices, Cobbs Recycling Center, and the landfill will be closed on Monday, July 5. Monday's trash will be picked up **LATE on Wednesday, July 7.**

The Waco-McLennan County

Library system will close all branches on Monday, July 5 and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.

Waco Transit will also be closed in observance for Independence Day. Please note: Medicaid trips will run as scheduled on July 4, as will the Silo District Trolley and LaSalle-Circle Shuttle.

The Cameron Park Zoo, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Waco Mammoth National Park will all remain open on Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5.

Admission:

Adults: \$8
Seniors (60 +): \$7
College I.D.: \$6
Students (ages 6-18): \$4
Children (5 & under): FREE
Active/ Veteran Military (w/ I.D.): FREE

Discounts Available

TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME



1108 S. University Park Dr.
Waco, TX 76706
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Please check the Neighborhood Association's websites, social media outlets or contact Neighborhood Engagement at 254.750.5640 for the latest information.

VICTIM SERVICES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Waco Police Department Victim Services Unit is now taking applications for volunteers to provide assistance and support to victims of crime.



The 2 ½ week Victim Services Volunteer Academy will start on October 4 - 19, 2021. The classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Police Department. A background check will be conducted for eligibility to volunteer with the unit. Applications will be due by September 24.

Please contact Missy Sparks at 254.750.7527 or mspark@wacotx.gov if you are interested in volunteering.



Become A COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador!

COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassadors help with:

- Sharing accurate, up to date COVID-19 information
- Answering Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 vaccines
- Assisting with vaccination registration
- Empowering community to receive COVID-19 vaccine
- Encouraging community members to practice COVID prevention measures

Ambassadors must be:

- 18 years or older
- Able to volunteer 1-3 hours a month

Scan to Apply TODAY!!



Waco-McLennan County COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador Application

Contact us at VaccineReps@wacotx.gov



July 2021

CITY LIMITS newsletter

Happy 4TH of JULY

FOURTH ON THE BRAZOS

The City of Waco's annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration is set to return on Sunday, July 4 at Touchdown Alley, next to Baylor University's McLane Stadium. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the Fourth of July with food trucks, live music, family fun and fireworks.

Admission is free. Gates will open at 6 p.m., and the fireworks will kick off at approximately 9:15 p.m. The fireworks will be shot above the river, between Touchdown Alley and the Ferrell Center. They will be visible from both sides of the river, the Ferrell Center and areas around Baylor campus.

Bag check stations will be located at all entrances. Coolers with drinks and snacks are allowed, but glass bottles and containers are prohibited.

Additional details and an event schedule will be available soon. For updates and announcements, visit brazosnightswaco.com or follow Brazos Nights on Facebook or Instagram.

CITY OF WACO FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

The City of Waco Fire Department encourages everyone to have a safe Independence Day free of fires by enjoying the fireworks display at the Fourth on the Brazos celebration at Touchdown Alley.

It is a violation of City ordinances to possess, use, manufacture, sell, give away, transport or discharge fireworks within the city limits of Waco or within 5,000 feet of the city limits without a permit from the Fire Marshal. The ordinance also prohibits the possession of fireworks by a minor.

The only fireworks allowed in the city limits without a permit are "snakes," smoke bombs, "snap and pops," sparklers and champagne poppers. Fireworks sold by retail stores in Waco, such as Wal-Mart, Target, etc., are allowed. Fireworks purchased at stands outside the city limits (except for items listed above) are illegal to use or own.

PUBLIC SURVEY

The City of Waco is preparing a master plan to expand and improve the community's trail system. This planning initiative offers you – the residents of Waco – the opportunity to provide feedback on the biking and walking trails that make our community a great place to live.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WacoTrailsMasterPlan>

Public input is the foundation of any successful planning effort, and your involvement will greatly help in the development of a trail system that best addresses our community's needs and desires. Please take a little time to tell us how we can enhance your trail experience in Waco.

This survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete, but you are not required to answer every question. All survey answers will remain confidential, and your information will not be sold or used for solicitation. We appreciate your time and feedback!

LOOK AT YOU LOVIN' WACO'S TRAILS!

TAKE OUR TRAILS SURVEY

(scan the QR code below)

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EQUITY & INCLUSION | EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION | INTEGRITY | PEOPLE | TEAMWORK

LEAD IS PREVENTABLE PROGRAM (LIPP)

The City of Waco's Community Service staff has been hard at work fixing up homes in our community through the LIPP and the Home Rehab program. Just look at the difference of a home the department just completed!

For this home, staff made repairs to the following:

- new flooring
- new cabinets
- new paint
- new heating
- new water heater
- foundation repair



If you live in the Waco city limits and would like to learn more about qualifying for assistance, please call 254.750.5656 for more information about the LIPP or Rehab program.

EVERYBODY'S CLEANING UP!

We encourage all Waco residents to use the City of Waco Cobbs Convenience Center for bulky waste disposal, brush recycling and household recycling.

- Waco residents may make up to 4 visits per calendar year at the Cobbs Convenience Center.
- Common household items such as glass, paper, cans and cardboard are accepted with no limit.
- Brush and bulky piles larger than a full-sized pick-up truckload must go to another disposal location, such as the City of Waco Landfill.
- BRUSH AND TRASH must be separated.
- Waco residents must provide proof of residency to dispose of brush and bulky waste, such as a residential City of Waco utility bill.
- Deposits of brush and bulky waste may not exceed 8 cubic yards per visit about a full-sized pick-up truckload.
- Other requirements concerning special waste, such as scrap tires, used motor oil and electronics remain the same.



**NEW operating hours for Cobbs:
Mon-Sat 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Call 254.299.2612 or visit waco-texas.com to learn more.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2021: MAKE READING A HABIT

Step 1:

Download the Beanstack Tracker App from your app store.

Step 2:

Choose the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge: Make Reading a Habit and click Register.

Log every day you read and every activity you do to earn badges.

This year, you'll get a free tote bag and actual badges to display how much amazing reading you're doing.

What kind of reading counts?

Books, magazines, audiobooks, anything!

How much reading every day?

Just read each day. Even a couple of pages or a couple of minutes counts. Deciding to read is the big step.

Consistency builds your habit!

20 days = Level 1

40 days = Level 2

For Levels 1 & 2, you can choose an amazing prize! If you read 50 or more

days, you can get a ticket for the grand prize drawing. You get badges for activities too! We've got lots of fun activities built into the Beanstack app. When you come to the library, you can get badges that mark your progress.

If you do 20 activities, you get ANOTHER ticket for the grand prize drawing.

Grand Prizes

- A Little Land gift card
- A Peter Piper gift card
- An Urban Air gift card
- A gift card basket for local businesses

Storytime in the Park

We're taking storytime outdoors! Visit one of our great city parks, hear a great story and see your library friends!

- Mondays at Kendrick Park (4011 Bagby Ave)
- Tuesdays at Oscar Du Congé Park (1504 JJ Flewellen)
- Wednesdays at Mountainview Park (2325 Mountainview)
- Thursdays at the Dewey Park (925 N. 9th St)

All storytimes will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will comply with current COVID-19 guidelines.

Special Days

There will be special days all month long at every library location! Stop by to join in the fun during the month of July.

- 1 - Joke Day
- 2 - UFO Day
- 3 - Independence Day (observed)
- July 6-9 - Teddy Bear Picnic Week: Stop by the outdoor storytimes this week with your favorite stuffed bear and a blanket for a special teddy bear party.
- July 12 - Etch a Sketch Day
- July 14 - Pizza Day
- July 17 - Emoji Day: Watch an outdoor showing of the family-friendly film *Inside Out* at the South Waco Library at 8 p.m.
- July 20 - Jump Day
- July 22 - Manga Day
- July 27 - Space Day
- July 31 - Harry Potter Day

Be sure to check out our YouTube channel for virtual programming and online calendar about Special Days.

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

Have you ever been on a plane and heard the flight attendant say, "in case of cabin pressure emergency, put on your own mask first before assisting others"? This is because to take care of the people you love; you must first take care of yourself. Self-care can be in the form of physical, social, spiritual, emotional, and mental care. Prioritizing self-care is a valid goal that helps you support the people you love.

When you are mentally healthy, you are better able to enjoy your life, environment, and people in it to the fullest. Some ways to improve your mental health and support your mental wellbeing are:

- Exercise Daily: Being physically active helps our bodies to produce stress-relieving hormones and improves your overall health. Exercise can look like taking the stairs, walking up escalators, running, biking, gardening, etc.
- Eat Well: Eating mainly unprocessed foods like whole grains, vegetables, and fresh fruit is key to a healthy body and healthy mind. Eating well can also lower your risk for chronic diseases and help stabilize your energy levels and mood.
- Sleep: Adults need between 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. To help your nighttime sleep habits, practice good "sleep

hygiene", like avoiding any technology right before bed.

- Avoid Alcohol and Drugs: Alcohol and drugs, such as opioids, are a large and very serious problem within the U.S. SAMHSA National Helpline offers free confidential help to find substance use treatment and information – call 1.800.662.4357.
- Practice Relaxation Exercises: Deep breathing, meditation, and yoga are some ways to reduce stress.
- Connect with Others: Spending time with friends or someone you trust builds your sense of belonging.

Many have experienced significant stress during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like free and confidential support, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7 care for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and even practices for professionals – call 800.273.8255.

