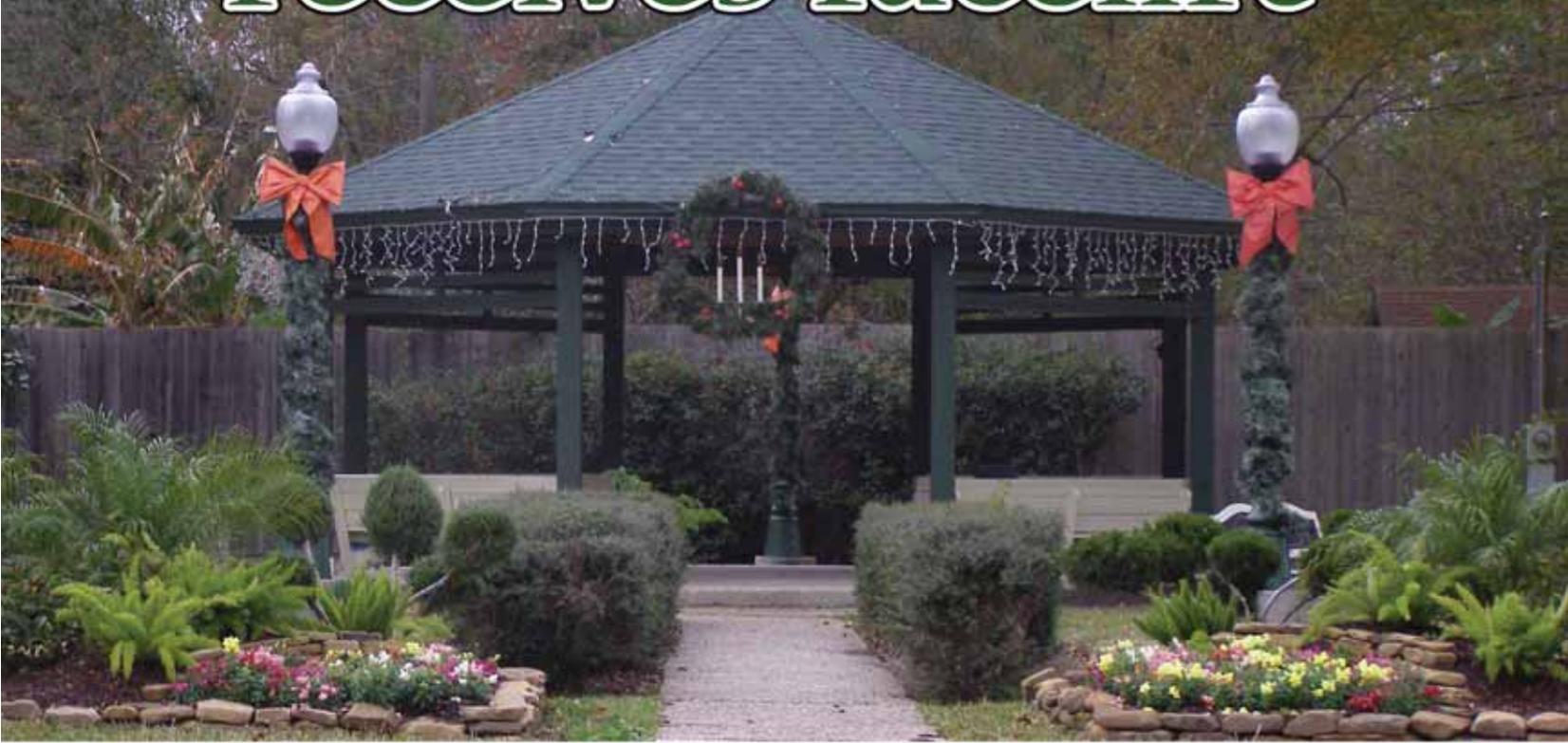


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Calendar of events

January

1st		New Year's Holiday - City Hall Closed
2nd	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
3rd	6:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
9th	7:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
10th	11:00 a.m.	Webster Business Alliance
11th	5:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board Meeting
11th-March 7th		Leadership Webster - CANCELLED
15th		Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - City Hall Closed
16th	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
17th	6:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
19th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

February

2nd	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
6th	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7th	6:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
13th	7:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
16th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
20th	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
21st	6:30 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)

March

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A message from Mayor Donna Rogers ...

Greetings To All of You Who Are "Webster!"

As Webster welcomes 2007 with optimism, enthusiasm, and motivation, it's a great time to reflect upon the tremendous milestones that our vibrant city reached in 2006. Webster has truly capitalized on its unique position as the medical center of the south, the retail capital of Bay Area Houston, and the aerospace capital of the southwest. Our small city, in terms of its 6.7 square miles, has emerged as a giant in very meaningful ways: from its solid commercial strength and sales tax base with per capita sales nearly five times the national average to infrastructure modernization and improvements, in the form of NASA Parkway Bypass, Rice Creek Lane, Live Oak, Orchard, and Texas Avenue extensions, to an expanded wastewater treatment plant—Webster is dynamic!

Webster's growth is spectacular. Academy Sports and Outdoors chose Webster to build its company's largest store and joined forces with Fry's Electronics, Cheddar's Casual Café, ITT Technical Institute, Remington College, Main Event, Marriot Springhill Suites, and McAlister's Deli, to further develop the southern quadrant as one of Webster's most robust growth areas.

Higher education, in the form of two new post-secondary campuses, complements Webster's growing retail, medical, and aerospace sectors. Further, Main Event, which will open its 65,000-square-foot family entertainment venue this spring, solidifies Webster's position as an entertainment destination, in conjunction with the region's most successful theater, Cinemark.

Webster's landscape continues to evolve as Edgewater, an upscale, vibrant, mixed-use destination, unfolds on nearly nine percent of the City's total real estate. Webster's award-winning partnership with Cherokee Investment Partners to transform an unsightly brownfield into a master-planned community serves as a national model. In return for an obsolete power plant, a development that will result in sustainable growth and new economic opportunities is being created.

Webster's reputation as the premier medical center of the south adds to the City's long-term economic

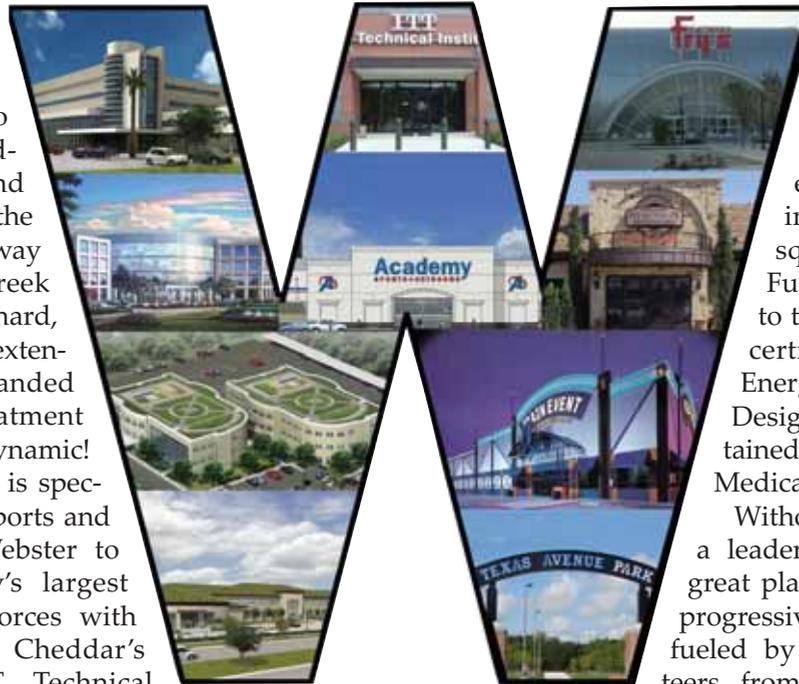
vitality. Awesome, leading-edge medical facilities continue to be developed. As Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, already ranked highest within the entire Houston area for overall cardiac services, opens its 255,000-square-foot Heart Hospital this spring, Webster's position as a world-class health center flourishes. Medical Plaza at Clear



Lake, an integrated healthcare facility that opens in early 2007 on Blossom, will feature many specialties and services conveniently housed inside this 113,000-square-foot edifice. Further, Webster is home to the region's first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), "green," self-contained medical facility — 251 Medical Center Boulevard.

Without a doubt, Webster is a leader among cities and a great place to reside. Webster's progressive, cooperative spirit is fueled by its numerous volunteers, from the Webster Economic Development Corporation to the Celebration Committee to the Parks Board, and more, Webster's constituents are dedicated to making this City great! Certainly, Webster performs — great works occur — which are illustrated throughout the City. During 2006, Texas Avenue Park received a \$1,700,000 makeover, transforming this 17-acre park into a showplace. Texas Avenue, Live Oak, and Orchard, three important corridors, were extended to enhance mobility. New commercial construction, which is vital for Webster's growth and vitality, appears on every major artery. While residents continue to enjoy great amenities and superb quality of life while benefiting from low cost of living in the form of property taxes and city services, Webster is ideal!

Many, many thanks go to all of you who comprise Webster, as it is you — the people — who make great works happen! It is your dedication, your commitment, your inspiration, and your leadership that make Webster phenomenal!





Green Acres Park receives facelift

In the last six to eight months, Green Acres Park has taken on a new and improved look.

The City of Webster's Public Works Department has made great strides in improving the Park through various renovations. The gazebo, which has new paint and a new roof, offers a serene backdrop to an improved main entrance, featuring beautiful landscaping. A sidewalk extension now gives access to the Park from Kings Row. Future plans are being made for access to Kings Lynn. Visitors will also notice a new fence and newly painted playground equipment. These changes were made possible by an amendment to the 2005-2006 City Budget in July 2006.

Since 1988, Green Acres Park has been an invaluable asset to the City of



Olivia, left, and Victoria Ferro enjoy the renovated playground equipment.

Webster and the residents of Green Acres. The Park gives residents a place to enjoy the outdoors, hold special events, and gather with friends.

Green Acres Park illustrates a new standard the City is working to uphold for public areas. The Public Works



Joseph Ferro plays on the newly painted jungle gym.

Department has worked at great lengths on these improvements and has since set goals for above average upkeep of this Park and all of the public areas throughout the City.

Veterans Memorial dedicated on NASA Parkway

"The nation which forgets its defenders will be, itself, forgotten." - Calvin Coolidge

A granite Memorial located in the 400 block of West NASA Parkway now pays tribute to veterans who have served our country both past and present.

A dedication ceremony was held December 9, 2006, at the Memorial location. The ceremony commenced with a presentation of colors by junior ROTC members from Clear View Education Center, including C/SGT Mark Randall, C/2LT Jayne Buehler, C/SGT Franklin Watkins, and C/CPL Robert Carrie. Webster Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Villagomez addressed those in attendance and Chaplain LT Joseph R.



From left, Council member Melvin Ellis, Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Villagomez, C/SGT Mark Randall, C/2LT Jayne Buehler, C/SGT Franklin Watkins, C/CPL Robert Carrie, Council member Beverly Gaines, and Chaplain LT Joseph R. Primeaux

Primeaux offered blessings for the community and the Memorial.

Mayor Pro Tem Villagomez urged citizens to visit the Memorial and pay

tribute to those serving in the United States military. "On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, I urge all of our citizens to visit this area and reflect on the honor and deeds of those brave veterans, living and dead, as an expression of our gratitude for the freedoms we continue to enjoy as Webster citizens and as American citizens," commented Villagomez.

The Memorial, made out of black granite, was made by Jim Schmidt with Schmidt Memorials in Conroe. The Memorial features an inscription of the above quote by Calvin Coolidge, as well as emblems for each of the military services. Schmidt was also the vendor for the memorial pavers around the entry to City Hall.

City of Webster 2007 General Officers' Election to be held May 12, 2007

The City of Webster, Texas will hold a General Election for City Officers on May 12, 2007. Council Position No. 3, Council Position No. 4, and Council Position No. 5 will be on the May ballot. Current office holders respectively are Natalie Dolan, Jack Temple, and Carlos Villagomez. Election packets for interested candidates will be available in the office of the City Secretary after February 1, 2007.

The early voting polling place will be in City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, in the City Secretary's office. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Voting on Election Day will be in the City Hall Lobby, 101 Pennsylvania. A voting device to assist disabled voters will be available during early voting and on Election Day.

For information or questions regarding the City Election

process, please contact the City Secretary's office, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, 281-332-1826.

Important dates are as follows:

- Feb. 10 First day to file an application for a place on the ballot.
- Mar. 12 Last day to file for a place on the ballot, 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13 First day to apply for a mail ballot.
- Mar. 14 Drawing for order of names on ballot, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 19 Last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy, 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 20 Deadline for candidate to withdraw from an election, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Last day to submit voter registration application for May Election.
- Apr. 27 Last day to request an application for mail ballot in person.
- Apr. 30 First day of early voting by personal appearance.
- May 4 Last day to receive an application by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail.
- May 8 Last day of early voting by personal appearance.
- May 12 ELECTION DAY 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



City of Webster takes advantage of technology

In this age of technology, the City of Webster is making great strides to stay upgraded and take full advantage of advancements in technology. These efforts can be seen in the implementation of the OSSI Mobile Citation Program by the Police Department and the Corrigo Wireless Job Entry Program implemented by the Public Works Department.

OSSI Mobile Citation

The Police Department is in the process of moving from paper-based citations to OSSI Mobile Citation modules. This new technology uses software that allows officers to simply swipe a driver's license and automatically obtain 90 percent of the information needed for a citation.

Numerous benefits of this new system affect many divisions of the City.

First of all, there are tremendous cost and time savings. Officers will save time by only having to make simple additions or changes to the input. Next, they can print the ticket immediately on a thermal printer in the patrol unit. This information will then be sent directly to the Municipal Court division wirelessly, eliminating the need for manual data entry. All of this information will be available instantaneously, unlike before, when the system could be backed up for up to a month due to volume. Information and statistics will be more easily regulated and current.

Finally, the new system is linked with League City and Nassau Bay so that information can be shared across agency lines.

Corrigo Wireless Job Entry

The Public Works Department is also

making strides to take advantage of new technology. Old paper work orders have been replaced by handheld wireless units used to open and close work orders. New software allows personnel to open current work orders, enter necessary information, and close the work order without ever having to leave the work area to go back to the office.

Ongoing training is being conducted so that personnel can make the most of this time-saving system. Another significant benefit of this technology includes a better tracking system, which in turn, results in enhanced service by the Public Works Department.

Both of these new systems exhibit the City's commitment in researching and developing ideas that will benefit the citizens of Webster.

New Directors of Public Works, Finance join City of Webster

The City of Webster is experiencing tremendous growth and change. This is evident in the commercial expansion, impending residential development, and new faces seen around City Hall. Recent additions to the City of Webster team include new Director of Public Works Shannon Hicks and Director of Finance Mike Rodgers.

Shannon Hicks, Director of Public Works

As Public Works Director, Hicks is responsible for overseeing parks, maintenance, water, and wastewater services. The Public Works Department currently has 35 permanent positions including administration, maintenance, and service personnel, as well as numerous seasonal employees. The Department is responsible for maintaining and managing the City's infrastructure, which includes the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems, capital improvement projects, solid waste and recycling, and maintenance of City vehicles, equipment, and buildings.

Hicks brings numerous years of experience in designing, building and maintaining public infrastructures, as well as providing public services. His tenure includes working for Kellogg Brown & Root to build and run military service



bases in Iraq, in addition to his most recent position of two years as Assistant City Engineer for the City of Deer Park. Hicks, a licensed professional engineer, received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Orleans in 1998.

With Hicks' experience in building public infrastructure, this new position was a natural fit. He plans to continue to provide the citizens of Webster with excellent services and looks forward to growing with the City. He is excited to work for a progressive, forward-thinking City.

Hicks was born in New Orleans and grew up in Houston and Dallas. He has been married to Elisca since 1998, and they have lived in the Clear Lake area since 2000.

Mike Rodgers, Director of Finance

Stepping in as the new Director of Finance, Rodgers is responsible for approximately 15 employees throughout the finance, municipal court and information technology divisions.

As a Certified Public Accountant, Rodgers' background includes six years of governmental accounting experience and 10 years experience in the oil and gas industry. Most recently, Rodgers



served as the Controller for the City of Denton, where he started as a Utility Accountant in 2000.

Rodgers is a firm believer in fiscal accountability and looks forward to ensuring that money is spent responsibly. He is excited about the tremendous growth in the area and the healthy financial position of the City.

Rodgers is originally from Monroe, La., where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Northeast Louisiana University in 1990. He, his wife of ten years, and their two favorite dogs are happy about their recent move to the Clear Lake area and are already enjoying Webster's great shopping and dining.

The Director of Finance position became available when Terry Knudsen retired effective December 21, 2006. He will be missed by all at City Hall.

During a reception held for Knudsen, he stated, "What a great way to end my career! Webster has been a warm and caring environment. I will always value the relationships developed with our wonderful Mayor and City Council. It has been a sincere pleasure to not only work with my immediate staff in Finance, IT, and Municipal Court; but to be a member of the Webster team; beginning from the City Manager, and on to the guys working in the cold weather to decorate our City. I trust that some of my contributions have been of value. Be of good cheer..."



Medical Plaza at Clear Lake offers integrated medical facility

Webster's position as the medical center of the south continues to be fueled by impressive, new, cutting-edge facilities powered by top-notch physicians with a wide range of specialties! As the regional population steadily escalates to more than 3,000,000 within a 30-mile radius, Webster's medical center grows to deliver world-class, convenient, comprehensive health care. Medical Plaza at Clear Lake, located at 250 Blossom, is a stellar example of Webster's latest addition to its premier medical center destination.

Medical Plaza at Clear Lake is an integrated medical facility, which means that many specialties and services are conveniently housed inside this



four-story modern edifice. In fact, while the ground floor of Medical Plaza at Clear Lake features an imaging diagnostics center, cardiology center, sleep laboratory, and café, the second floor incorporates a physical therapy center and medical laboratory, and the top two floors of this impressive 113,000-square-

foot facility are home to Texas Gulf Coast Medical Group. This group is one of the region's largest and most diverse medical practices that is broadening its service, consolidating offices from three locations, and incorporating integrated medical care efficiencies at this new location!

As integrated medical care equates to one-stop medical convenience, Texas Gulf Coast Medical Group features more than 56 physicians whose practices and specialties include family practice, pediatrics, general surgery, endocrinology, orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, radiology, podiatry, neurology, wellness, nutrition, chiropractics, sleep therapy, physical therapy, urology, gastroenterology, mental therapy, electrophysiology, and dentistry.

As Texas Gulf Coast Medical Group is committed to the principles of integrated medical care, which translates into skilled physicians, surgeons, experienced staff, and a wide variety of medical practices and procedures under one roof, Texas Gulf Coast Medical Group has invested in new equipment and methods to improve its quality of care at Medical Plaza at Clear Lake. In addition to advanced digital x-rays, EKG machines, and upgraded laboratory equipment, patients can receive on-site mammograms, bone density studies, echocardiograms, and more — all with great accessibility, easy parking, prompt, convenient appointments, and evening hours to 8 p.m.

Medistar Corporation, a full-service real estate development company that specializes in the development, design, and construction of medical facilities, not only built the exquisite 113,000-square-foot Medical Plaza at Clear Lake but also the neighboring acute care hospital, Triumph Hospital-Clear Lake.

As Medical Plaza at Clear Lake will open before the end of January 2007, the region's growing population will experience one-stop, integrated, sophisticated, efficient, and convenient health care inside a phenomenal modern facility that features easy access and parking, along with extended hours.

Physicians to offer variety of services at Medical Plaza

Texas Gulf Coast Medical Group Physicians at Medical Plaza at Clear Lake

- Ralph Tharp, M.D. – Family Medicine & President/CEO
- Kathi McCree, M.D. – Family Medicine & Medical Director
- Dennis Tang, M.D. – Internal Medicine
- Adelia Brannen, M.D. – Family Medicine
- John Johnston, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Michael Lyons, D.O. – Family Medicine
- Sudha Rajan, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Benjamin Guillermo, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Steven Kloeris, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Kathryn Cooke, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Terry Newman, M.D. – Family Medicine
- Di Van Le, M.D. – Family Med; Radiology
- Markus Giacomuzzi, DPM – Podiatry
- In-Soo Yo, M.D. – General Surgery
- Rafael Lugo, M.D. – General Surgery
- Muhammad Arian, M.D. – Endocrinology
- I. Evan Matwijiw, M.D. – Endocrinology
- Mohammad Azim, M.D. – Pediatrics
- Raquel Mena, M.D. – Pediatrics
- Leila Sim, M.D. – Pediatrics

Bay Area Gastroenterology

- Ravi Mani, M.D.
- Manish Rungta, M.D.
- Syed Jafri, M.D.
- Sezen Altug, M.D.
- R.M. Balboa, M.D.

Clear Lake Cardiology

- Nadir Ali, M.D.
- Mohan Kumar, M.D.
- B.T. Turakhia, M.D.
- Rakesh Shah, M.D.

Neurology

- Hassan Javanshir, M.D.

Obstetric and Gynecology Associates

- Geffrey H. Klein, M.D.
- Joy Paul LeBlanc, M.D.
- Linda H. Chung, M.D.
- Ana L. Morales, M.D.
- Tobey A. Stevens, M.D.

Orthopedics

- Conrad Fischer, M.D.
- Philip Rosen, M.D.

Proactive Physical Therapy

- Keith Blasingame – Owner

Professional Pharmacy

- Jung Le- Pharmacist/Owner

Sleep Diagnostics of America

- Sue Morgan – CEO
- Pulmonology – Mahmood Dweik, M.D.
- Mohammad Baba, M.D.

Urology Associates of Houston

- Gary Hurwitz, M.D.
- Nathaniel Barnes, M.D.
- Thanh Nguyen, M.D.
- Douglas Dow, M.D.
- Matthew Hoggatt, M.D.

Wellness Center

- John Johnston, M.D.
- Dr. Roxanne Edrington- Nutritionist & Chiropractor



Higher education lands in Webster

Known as the medical center of the south, the retail capital of Bay Area Houston, and the aerospace capital of the Southwest, Webster can now add higher education to its long list of amenities.

ITT Technical Institute, located at the southeast corner of Kobayashi and Magnolia, and Remington College, located across the street at the northwest corner, offer great educational opportunities to Bay Area Houston.

ITT Technical Institute is committed to helping students develop the skills and knowledge to pursue many opportunities in fields involving technology, criminal justice, and business. Hands-on education, convenient class schedules, and career services are only some of the benefits ITT offers for technology and business-based education programs.

Remington College's programs are based on the motto "Real Skills for the Real World." Students are taught specific job-related skills in a variety of areas including pharmacy technician, business administration, and criminal justice, in addition to medical assisting, insurance and coding. The College offers students the opportunity to experience their future professions in real-world applications by combining traditional teaching methods and practical classroom experiences.



Both facilities pride themselves on developing programs that will result in qualified applicants to begin careers in highly sought after fields.

Challenger Plaza to receive extreme makeover

Challenger Plaza, located along the 800 block of NASA Parkway, was sold to W.M.F. Investments, Inc. in November 2006, and is currently undergoing a significant renovation and revitalization.

The center was built in 1984 and features nearly 80,000 square feet of retail space. While new roofs are being installed, dramatic changes will be noticeable shortly. From new façade to improved landscaping, streetscaping, and parking lot, new tenants are being recruited to join forces with Johnny Tamale, International House of Pancakes, Big Texas Dance Hall, Elite Physique, and more. Challenger Plaza's extreme makeover is slated to be completed by the end of March 2007.



Academy opens doors to shoppers

Academy Sports & Outdoors, located at 21351 Gulf Freeway, held its official grand opening and ribbon cutting on November 11, 2006. Mayor Donna Rogers and various City officials represented the City of Webster at the well attended celebration.

The 111,000-square-foot store is Academy's largest Texas location. Since opening on October 27, 2006, sales at the Webster location have exceeded store officials' expectations. The size of the new Webster Academy offers additional amenities to customers including a practice area in the golf department; expanded apparel, fishing, and team licensed product areas; a hunting clothing shop; and a BBQ grill display area inside the store. Perhaps the most appreciated additions include extra registers and expanded shopping space, making for a much more open, pleasant shopping experience.

Academy Sports & Outdoors is one of the nation's largest sporting goods retailers, operating more than 90 stores across the southeastern United States. Academy offers the sports and outdoors enthusiast a broad selection of equipment, apparel, and footwear for a variety of activities.

From left: Council members Natalie Dolan & Floyd Myers, Academy Store Manager Mike Kimball, Mayor Donna Rogers, Academy District Manager Jeff Richards, Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Villagomez, WEDC Board Member Kathy Pritchard, City Manager Michael Jez, Council Member Beverly Gaines, and WEDC Board Member Carolyn Corbin.



New hotel adds to overnight options

Travelers to Bay Area Houston now have a new option when deciding on accommodations. Comfort Suites, boasting 58 luxurious suites, officially opened November 13, 2006 at 16931 N. Texas Avenue. A grand opening and ribbon cutting were held on December 7, 2006.

The new property features many of the amenities of other area hotels including hot breakfast, a business center, wireless internet access, an indoor pool and Jacuzzi, a fitness center, in addition to a microwave, refrigerator and sleeper sofa in each suite. Comfort Suites excels in the overall design and quality of the hotel and the size of the guest rooms.

The trendy, up-scale hotel brings much needed meeting space that is ideal for special events, weddings, parties, training sessions, and corporate events. The special event room features more than 2,000 square feet of space to accommodate up to 200 people. The meeting area, located just off the hotel kitchen, gives users the option to provide refreshments for events.

With room rates ranging from \$99-\$129, patrons will enjoy a great price for an exquisite experience.



Citizens attend Halloween, Christmas celebrations

The holidays offer a perfect time for family, friends, and neighbors to come together and celebrate. The City of Webster proudly facilitates this by hosting numerous events for various holidays. These celebrations include a Halloween carnival, in addition to a variety of celebrations during the Christmas season.

The 2006 Halloween carnival, held at Texas Avenue Park, was a huge success, drawing in almost double the participants from 2005. The carnival is held annually to provide a safe alternative to trick-or-treating and to collect donations for Bay Area Turning Point. Canned food and monetary donations were given in exchange for admission into the Park. The amount of donations nearly doubled, with 711 cans of food and \$230.86 collected. Each year the carnival grows, as inflatable play apparatuses were added this year to complement the carnival stations offering various hands-on activities, and next year's carnival is expected to be bigger than ever.

The City's annual Christmas Celebration helped everyone in attendance get in the Christmas spirit.

Originally started as a tree lighting ceremony in the mid-1970s, the event has grown to feature a light dinner, followed by a visit from Santa with toys for all the children, and various games. This year's event had approximately 300 people in attendance and event coordinators expect the celebration to continue to grow in popularity in years to come.

The holiday season can be a hard time of year for some people, especially senior citizens. In an attempt to bring holiday cheer to everyone, the City hosts a senior citizen luncheon that is open to all senior citizen residents of Webster. This year's luncheon included a traditional Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings from La Madeline and some great door prizes. About 75 people were in attendance to enjoy the great food and fellowship.

All of these events are made possible by the hard work and dedication of many volunteers and local businesses. Without the support of these individuals, the events would not be so successful. The City thanks all who have contributed to make these special events memorable.

2006 Halloween Carnival

Clockwise from left: Amanda & Chris Barone, Lauren & Abigail Engelhardt, and Sebastian Barone



Courtney Roberson



From left: Damian & Hailey Villegas



From left: Nathan & Jason Tumbleson



Trinity Leger

2007 City of Webster Christmas Celebration

From left: Carlos and Rachel Villagomez, Pauline Small, Beverly Gaines, & Michael Jez



From left: Melvin Ellis, Alex & Barry Dietrich



Santa & Olivia Ferro



From left: Carolyn Corbin, Mary Margaret Carlisle, & Betty Gaines



From left: Jerry Ellis & Jay Corbin



From left: Shannon Hicks, Floyd Myers, & Jamie Galloway



Clockwise from left: Cara Ellis, Beverly Gaines, Shelby & Stacey Coats, Mike & Brandon Waggett



2007 Holiday Senior Luncheon

From left: Martha Griffith, Carolyn & Jay Corbin



From left: Melvin & Jerry Ellis



From left: Margie Dorrington, Mary Jane & Bob Anderson





Easter Bunny to hop through Webster

The Easter Bunny will be hopping by for a great event at Walnut Park on April 7, 2007. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will kick off at 10 a.m. with divisions for ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-10, and senior citizens. Prizes will be awarded in each category. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures, so be sure to bring your smile.

2006 Christmas Light Contest



Commercial

(clockwise from top left)

- 1st Place: H Town Bail Bonds
- 2nd Place: Waterford Apartments
- Honorable Mention: The Terrace



Residential



October

Tracy & Christy Bush
18414 Kings Row

November

Ed & Jessie Saibara
479 Houston St.
(Photo not available.)

Residential East of Hwy 3



(clockwise from top left)

- 1st Place: Terry & Debbie Jones
18507 Anne Dr.
- 2nd Place: Terry & Diane Hornsby
18424 Kings Row
- 3rd Place: Charles Thorp
18503 Kings Row



Yards of the month

Commercial



October

Alexan Landing
501 N. Sarah Deal



November

Carrabba's Italian Grill
502 W. Bay Area Blvd

Residential West of Hwy 3



1st Place: Cathy Cobb
507 Brad Ct.



2nd Place: Beverly & Ron Gaines
216 Henrietta



3rd Place: Phillip Unverzagt
517 Brad Ct.



Honorable Mention: Alicia Leal
323 Cole



Emergency training held in Webster

The City of Webster recently hosted two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) courses. The courses, conducted by the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management, provided students with the knowledge and skills to effectively manage and operate an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) during crisis situations. State Exercise Training Officer Esther Corwin of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (DEM) instructed the classes held at the Webster Police Department training facility.

Students learned the process for locating and designing an EOC, as well as the procedures and practices for staffing, training and briefing EOC personnel. They also participated in scenario-based exercises on how to operate an EOC in various situations. The course provided information on the functions of the EOC in coordination with emergency responders in the field utilizing the Incident Command System.

A total of 29 students from around the state participated in the courses. The students consisted of Emergency Managers and First Responders of all levels from various agencies.

The Texas DEM and Webster Fire Chief Jamie Galloway have been working to bring training to the region to reduce travel costs to Austin, create networking opportunities, and facilitate attendance within the Bay Area region. This year, the City of Webster will also be hosting two courses, Texas Hurricane Planning in January and Debris Management in March.



At Regency Village standing from left: Veda Szentgyorgyi, Minerva Gonzalez, Susan Hopkins, Dorothy Smiley, Berry Shuman, Elizabeth Gibson, Nancy Ludlow, & Nathan Hughes
Seated from left: Mary Tilly, Tiffany Swanson, & Erica Sallier



At HCR Manor Care standing from left: Susan Hopkins, Nancy Ludlow, Emma Stanley, Mary McGee, Greg Hawkins, Linda Petter, & Stephanie Kuebler
Seated from left: Tiffany Swanson, Theresa Cox, Erica Sallier, & Nathan Hughes

Santa's elves brought early Christmas presents

The City of Webster Telecommunication Officers and the Webster Citizen Police Alumni Association added the extra ingredients of care, compassion, and thoughtfulness to some standard recipes when they delivered baked goods for staff and residents at Regency Village and HCR Manor Care during the Christmas holidays.

Police Department personnel also adopted a family in need and made their Christmas wishes come true when they delivered presents.

Police help keep children safe in passenger cars

The Webster Police Department is committed to keeping all citizens safe. That is why as a community service the Communication Division offers free child

safety seat inspections by trained and certified Car Seat Technicians.

Statistics are alarming when it comes to the use and installation of car seats.

Although child safety seats reduce the mortality rate for infants by 71 percent and for children one to four years old by 54 percent, of all car seats used today 87 percent are not installed correctly. Proper restraint is critical and can greatly reduce the risk of injury or fatality in a motor vehicle crash.

Car seats can be checked for correct installation through an inspection, which takes approximately an hour by appointment at the Police Department. To schedule an appointment, call 281-332-2426 or email carseatinspections@websterpd.com. In mid-February, a Child Safety Seat Inspection event will be held, and parents can receive an inspection, as well as other great information. Be sure to watch for information on this upcoming event.

In conjunction with a dedication to safety, the Webster Police Department donated a car seat for the first child born in 2007 at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster. Parents Nerissa Hawkins, Bryan Durham graciously accepted the car seat for new son Daereon D'Von Durham.

Crime statistics												
January 2006 - November 2006 Webster Police Department												
Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Assault	29	26	29	30	24	22	30	13	20	24	18	
Burglary	6	8	4	10	5	15	11	5	9	14	0	
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Robbery	0	2	2	3	0	4	4	4	1	1	3	
Rape	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	1	3	1	0	
Stolen Vehicle	13	10	22	5	12	7	14	12	8	7	4	
Theft	59	62	74	68	61	67	66	81	58	71	69	
Totals	108	108	131	116	106	117	127	116	99	118	106	
Accidents	72	85	104	81	88	94	92	110	91	87	79	
Calls for Service	2,004	1,696	1,897	1,942	2,058	1,930	1,765	1,834	1,898	1,991	2,106	



Public meeting notes

September 26, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*The Mayor presented a proclamation to Code Enforcement Officer Susan Raeihle declaring October as Code Compliance Month. Fire Chief Galloway recognized Fire Marshal Ron Gaines for obtaining his advanced certification with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

*Adopted an ordinance authorizing the exchange of a narrow and unusable (by City) right-of-way. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance to increase the overall allowable height and size of a pylon sign structure for an individual business sign in certain areas of the City. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Temple, Villagomez. AGAINST: Myers.)

*Adopted an ordinance amending the designated school zone. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Temple, Villagomez. AGAINST: Myers.)

*Approved a request by Jim Stoa for the City of Webster to display the City's American Flags in Webster from September 28, 2006 through October 2, 2006 for Impact a Hero Weekend. (Unanimous)

*Approved a renewal contract between the City of Webster and Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps (CLEMC) for emergency medical services for the amount of \$275,250 for three years, with the inclusion of a performance bond. (Unanimous)

*Approved the acquisition of a tract of land (Parcel 10) required for the I-45 Utility Relocation Project. (Unanimous)

*Adopted a resolution designating Floyd Myers as the representative and Beverly Gaines as the alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2007 General Assembly. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Temple, Villagomez. ABSTAIN: Myers.)

*Ratified the Staff and City Attorney's filing of a lawsuit and authorized them to take action regarding the dispute with the State Comptroller's office. (Unanimous)

*Approved a good evaluation for the City Manager's annual performance evaluation with a 5% salary increase. (Unanimous)

*Approved a good evaluation for the City Secretary's annual performance evaluation with a 5% salary increase. (Unanimous)

October 3, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*Water/Wastewater Superintendent Joe Ferro recognized Harry Bookout for obtaining his Wastewater "A" License. He now has both Water and Wastewater "A" Licenses.

*Held a public hearing regarding a proposed Special Use Permit to allow the sale of food from a freestanding site on the Home Depot property.

*Held a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint to allow Banks/Savings and Loan Associations as a permitted use by right in the O, Office District.

*Held a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint regarding maximum height in feet for structures in the R-2, Multi-Family Residential District.

*Postponed consideration to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a solid waste agreement with Republic Waste of Texas, LTD., effective December 1, 2006.

*Granted a request for a Special Use Permit to allow the sale of food from a freestanding site on the Home Depot property, with the conditions stipulated by Staff and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Unanimous)

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint to allow Banks/Savings and Loan Associations as a permitted use by right in the O, Office District. (Unanimous)

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint regarding maximum height in feet for structures in the R-2, Multi-Family Residential District. (Unanimous)

*Adopted a policy for the use and operation of the Recreation Building and the vacated Council Chambers located at 311 Pennsylvania. (FOR: Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Myers. AGAINST: Temple.)

*Approved a proposal from Freese & Nichols, Inc. to update the Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Study. (Unanimous)

*Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a mutual aid agreement for water and wastewater providers by participating in an emergency preparedness program. (Unanimous)

*Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with League City for the City of Webster to provide sanitary sewer services to a Clear

Creek Independent School District facility. (Unanimous)

*Awarded the bid for Landscaping Maintenance Services from bids opened on September 22, 2006 to Affordable Lawn Pros in the amount of \$61,500 annually, with the alternate of \$50 per hour for extra work. (Unanimous)

October 17, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*Presented a Proclamation to Julie Purser from Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families declaring October 23 - 31, 2006 as Red Ribbon Week.

*Approved a solid waste agreement with Republic Waste Services of Texas, LTD., effective December 1, 2006. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint to allow Banks/Savings and Loan Associations as a permitted use by right in the O, Office District. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning ordinance to clarify and correct a misprint regarding maximum height in feet for structures in the R-2, Multi-Family Residential District. (Unanimous)

*Established project funding for a 12-inch water supply line between Bay Area Boulevard and Blossom Water Plant in the amount of \$380,000 funded from water impact fees. (Unanimous)

*Approved a final replat for Webster Business Park Subdivision, a subdivision of 1.5549 acres of land situated in the Robert Wilson Survey. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Villagomez. AGAINST: Myers.)

*Approved a final plat for Gulf Freeway Park Subdivision, Section One, a subdivision of 4.861 acres of land, out of lot 5, block 9 of the Webster Outlots. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Villagomez. AGAINST: Myers.)

*Approved a contract for Financial Advisory Services with Coastal Securities. (Unanimous)

*Approved a request from CenterPoint Energy to revise its miscellaneous service charges, and include limited changes to the purchased gas adjustment provision in its current gas service rate schedules to accommodate transactions that will reduce the effect of swings in the market price of natural gas. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance fixing the tax rate and tax levy for the City of Webster, Texas for the Tax Year 2006. (Unanimous)

November 7, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*Ryan West, Baker Katz, requested that the City of Webster parking ordinance be amended to allow six spaces per 1,000 square feet.

*Approved funding in the amount of \$65,000 from the Hotel/Motel tax for a hotel signage program with LoneStar Logos. (Unanimous)

*Approved the replat for Clifford Bay Area Business Park with Staff's recommended contingencies, except the renaming of the easement identification from 14' U.E. to 14" U.E. & A.E. (Unanimous)

*Postponed consideration of a resolution establishing a policy for the use and operation of the Webster Recreation Building and the Civic Lecture Room (former City Council Chambers) located at 311 Pennsylvania. (FOR: Rogers, Gaines, Dolan, Temple, Villagomez, Myers. AGAINST: Ellis.)

*Postponed consideration of a resolution adding fees for the use of the Recreation Building and the Civic Lecture Room. (Unanimous)

*Adopted a resolution accepting membership in the Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. (Unanimous)

*Postponed consideration of an ordinance allowing certain employees who have terminated previous memberships in the Texas Municipal Retirement System to deposit sums withdrawn and allowing the employees to buy back credit for service. (Unanimous)

*Accepted the September 30, 2006 Quarterly Investment Report. (Unanimous)

*Approved to organize a limited ceremony of approximately 30 minutes for dedication of the veterans' memorial at the rest area on NASA Parkway involving the High School R.O.T.C. color guard on December 9, 2006. (FOR: Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Temple, Villagomez. AGAINST: Rogers. ABSTAIN: Myers.)

*Confirmed the appointment of Shannon Hicks as the Director of Public Works. (Unanimous)

November 14, 2006 Special Council Meeting

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance removing Public Works from the Department of Community Development and creat-

ing the Department of Public Works for the City of Webster. (Unanimous)

November 21, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*Police Chief Smiley presented the Chief's Commendation to Sgt. Michael Munson for Outstanding Academic Excellence for completing the Administrative Officers' Course at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, Kentucky.

*TML Field Services Representative presented a check in the amount of \$16,724 to the City as an equity return from the liability fund carrier to members with loss ratios less than 25 percent and eligible for longevity credit.

*Adopted an ordinance removing Public Works from the Department of Community Development and creating the Department of Public Works for the City of Webster. (Unanimous)

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Old Galveston Road south of NASA Parkway. (Unanimous)

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance providing for consent to change of control of the cable television system in the City of Webster to Comcast Corporation. (Unanimous)

*Authorized the Mayor to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the Edgewater Development at Water Street (Sarah Deel). (Unanimous)

*Adopted a resolution declaring March 19-23, 2007 and October 1-5, 2007 as "Webster Clean Up Weeks." (Unanimous)

*Approved completed Capital Improvement Projects. (Unanimous)

*Confirmed the City Manager's appointment of William Michael Rodgers as the Director of Finance and Administration. (Unanimous)

December 5, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

*Held a public hearing for comments on Edgewater Development - PD #3 regarding the final development plan, the community development guidelines, and the traffic impact analysis.

*Adopted an ordinance reducing the speed limit on Old Galveston Road south of NASA Parkway. (Unanimous)

*Adopted an ordinance providing for consent to change of control of the cable television system in the City of Webster to Comcast Corporation. (Unanimous)

*Approved the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Edgewater Development Project, Section One (PA 5 and PA 6) - Multi-Family. (Unanimous)

*Approved the Community Development Guidelines for Edgewater, Section One (PA 5 and PA 6) - Multi-Family. (Unanimous)

*Approved the Final Plat for Edgewater Section One with the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommendations of re-lettering of the reserves and relocation of the eastern property line of new reserve "E". (Unanimous)

*Authorized the Mayor to execute a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad. (Unanimous)

*Approved an amendment to the Cost Sharing Agreement with Southeast Water Purification Plant. (Unanimous)

*Approved the first reading of an ordinance allowing certain employees who have terminated previous memberships in the Texas Municipal Retirement System to deposit sums withdrawn and allowing the employees to buy back credit for service. (Unanimous)

*Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. (FOR: Rogers, Ellis, Dolan, Temple. AGAINST: Villagomez.)

*Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Nassau Bay, Tyler Technologies/Incode Division, and the City of Webster to grant permission to allow access to all Tyler Technologies Software/Incode Division. (Unanimous)

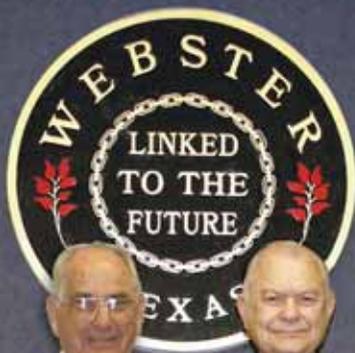
*Approved the first reading of an ordinance granting privilege and franchise to use the public rights-of-way to CenterPoint Energy Houston, LLC. (Unanimous)

*Approved the adjustment to compensation fees for the City Council for 2007 per Section 3.03 of the City of Webster City Charter. (Unanimous)

*Approved to schedule one regular City Council meeting for the month of December 2006. (Unanimous)

December 6, 2006 Special Council Meeting

*Adopted an ordinance granting privilege and franchise to use the public rights-of-way to CenterPoint Energy Houston, LLC. (Unanimous)



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- Donna Rogers**
Mayor
- Jack Temple**
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City Officials

Mayor: Donna Rogers	281-316-2968
Council Position No. 1: Melvin Ellis	281-332-1826
Council Position No. 2: Beverly Gaines	281-332-1826
Council Position No. 3: Natalie Dolan	281-332-1826
Council Position No. 4: Jack Temple	281-554-5219
Council Position No. 5: Carlos Villagomez	281-332-1826
Council Position No. 6: Floyd Myers	281-332-1826

City Offices 101 Pennsylvania Ave.

City Hall Main Switchboard	281-332-1826
EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police	911
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	281-332-2426
217 Pennsylvania Ave.	
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	281-332-2711
Fire Station #2, 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.	281-332-2711
Fire Marshal, 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.	281-332-2711
City Manager, Michael W. Jez	281-332-1826
City Secretary	281-332-1826
City Planner	281-316-4122
Community Development Director	281-316-4113
Economic Development Director	281-316-4116
Economic Development Administration	281-316-4135
Human Resources (Personnel)	281-332-1826
Municipal Court	281-338-6702
Public Relations	281-316-4121
Public Works Service Center	281-316-3700

City Services

Animal Control	281-316-3700
Building Permits	281-338-2925
City Trash Hauling	281-316-3700

City Services - continued

Civic Center Rental	281-316-4114
Code Enforcement (High Grass/Junk Vehicles)	281-316-4106
Republic Waste Services	713-849-0400
Tickets - To Pay By Credit Card	281-338-6702
Utility Billing	281-316-4120
Water/Sewer Line Breaks	281-316-3700

Government Services

Poison Control (UTMB)	800-764-7661
Texas Dept. of Public Safety (Drivers License)	281-486-8242
U.S. Post Office, 17077 Texas Avenue	800-275-8777

Harris County Offices

Clear Lake City Water Authority	281-488-1164
Clear Lake Courthouse Annex	281-486-7250
Harris County Tax Office	713-224-1919
Health Department	713-439-6000

Phone & Utility Services

AT&T	800-464-7928
CenterPoint Energy	281-534-4569
Reliant Energy	713-207-7777
Time Warner	800-776-9993
Verizon	800-483-4000

Community Services

Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau	281-338-0333
Bay Area Turning Point Hotline	281-286-2525
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce	281-488-7676
Innovative Alternatives	832-864-6000
Interfaith Caring Ministries	281-332-3881



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