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## Calendar of events

### July

10th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
12th	5:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board Meeting
13th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
17th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
18th	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing
21st	4:00 p.m.	Splash Bash Pool Party
27th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

### August

4th	4:00 p.m.	Splash Bash Pool Party
7th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7th	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing
10th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
14th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
18th	4:00 p.m.	Splash Bash Pool Party
21st	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
24th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

### September

3rd		Labor Day Holiday - City Hall Closed
4th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
11th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
18th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
21st	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
29th	8:00 a.m.	WCPAAA All-You-Can-Eat-Pancake Breakfast

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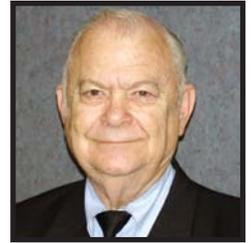
# A message from Council ...

Webster is a great place to live. My family and I have had the pleasure to live here for over 44 years, and I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and this City. If it were not for you, the Citizens, we would not have a Council or Staff. You are the Boss. The Council and Staff work for you.

Webster is comprised of almost seven square miles and is pretty much landlocked. It can grow up but not out. We are surrounded by Houston, Nassau Bay, League City, and Friendswood. Webster began as a Village, then a General Law City, and in 1994 (with a 5,000 population requirement) an election was held to become a Home Rule City. Our population is now nearly 10,000 according to the last census.

What makes a City? It takes the Citizens, Council, and Staff to make a city what it is, and it takes all of us to maintain the quality of life that is desired. We must prepare for the demands of the future. Webster has 435 single family homes, 4,801 existing apartments, and 423 existing condos. Plans have been proposed for an additional 814 apartments and 210 condos. Edgewater Development on NASA Road 1 has a concept density for an additional 580 condos and 703 homes. This increased population necessitates the expansion of the City's water/wastewater treatment plant to provide services for this growth and to comply with state regulations. We must enlarge our sewer plant.

You have given me the honor and privilege to serve, but that carries with it a duty to investigate the pros and cons of each issue and the responsibility to debate the issues, and to vote in a manner that is in the best interest of Webster and You, its Citizens.



Councilmember Floyd Myers

## Celebration Committee continues tradition

For several decades, Webster residents have been treated to an array of intriguing activities, thanks to the efforts of numerous community volunteers serving on various



2007 4th of July Celebration Committee

committees. Most recently, the Celebration Committee has been charged with the planning and execution of the annual Christmas and 4th of July Celebrations.

Officially recognized by City Council in 1992, the Historical Celebration Committee began as a group designated to plan Webster's 4th of July and Centennial Celebration. Since 1992, the committee has grown the 4th of July Celebration from a fireworks only show to an all-day family event. Similarly, the Christmas Celebration has evolved from a tree lighting event to an evening filled with fun and games with Santa.

The committee is comprised of volunteers who have a special interest in the City of Webster. The current committee consists of Mary Jane Anderson, Noella Battley, Georgie Benavides, Ginger Compton, Jay and Carolyn Corbin, Alexandra and Barry Dietrich, Jerry L. Ellis, Becky Ellisor, Esther Galbreath, Martha Griffith, MaryAnn Headley, Paula Hoppe, Bryan Johnson, Gail Myers, Alberta Napoles, Jo Perez, Marilyn Ragazzo, Melanie Tumbleson, Michael and Kimberly Waggett, Mary Carlisle and Leo Waltz, Karin Williams, Margaret Yeager.

"The Celebration Committee is looking for more volunteers. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and help out the entire community," commented Committee Chairman Jerry Ellis.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jerry Ellis at 281.336.8072.

### 2007 4th of July Celebration provides fun for all

★ 42-Tournament winners & runner ups

Best Tasting Dessert  
Alexandra Dietrich

Best Decorated Dessert  
From left: Sofia & Zachary Leal

From left: Floyd Myers, Joan Pesek, Pat Casinger, & John Vance

From left: Maggie Bennett & Veronica Russell

Jackson Mitchell

Clockwise from left: Oren, Easton, Helle, Axel, & Keith Tucker

From left: Pat Beckman & Jacque, DeEtta, & Ed Fryday

From left: Sophia, Councilmember Carlos, & Rachel Villagomez

From left: Councilmembers Bill Coleman & Floyd Myers

From left: Paige Gentry & Adrian Davila

Katelynn Cook

From left: Brooke, Laura, Debra, Anna, Shannon, & Allen Williford

Cameron Lusk

Alexandra Nicole Ferro

Veterans' Ceremony

Webster Police Department Color Guard



# City Council welcomes new members

The City of Webster has two new officials and one returning. The General Election for City Officers was held on May 12, 2007. Council Position No. 3, Council Position No. 4, and Council Position No. 5 were on the May ballot.

Bill Coleman, Roger Baker, and Becky Ellisor filed for Council Position No. 3. Coleman was elected by a majority vote to serve a three-year term.

Steve Waltz was unopposed for Council Position No. 4. Waltz was elected to serve a three-year term.

Carlos Villagomez and Hubert Cook filed for Council Position No. 5. Incumbent Villagomez received the majority vote. He will serve a three-year term.

New Councilmember Coleman began his service to the City of Webster in 2006 by serving as a member of the Webster Economic Development Corporation. Coleman aspires to ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely and that the City maintains a sound infrastructure in the most fiscally responsible way during his current three-year Council term.

He is a field-trained engineer and has worked in the oilfield service sector for 17 years in various capacities. He has served in both the Marine Corps and the U.S. Army and completed a tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm. He and his wife, La Donna, have made their home in Webster during the past seven years.

Although Councilmember Waltz is new to this Council, he is not new in serving the City of Webster. In fact, he has presided on many Webster boards,



From left: Councilmember Bill Coleman, Mayor Donna Rogers, and Councilmembers Steve Waltz and Carlos Villagomez

commissions, committees, and, previously, on City Council for two terms from 2000 through 2005. He was vice-chairman of the original City Charter Commission and served nearly a decade on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He served as secretary of the NASA Road 1 Advisory Committee and was closely involved in promoting the Bypass. Besides the primary purpose of giving back to the community, he is interested in finishing the job and seeing the Bypass completed.

Waltz is currently employed as Assistant Director of the Science, Engineering, and Analysis Support (SEAS) Department of the Engineering & Science Contract that supports Johnson Space Center's Engineering directorate and the Astromaterials, Research, and Exploration Science (ARES) directorate. He has lived in Webster for 27 years. He and his wife, Ann, have two children.

Councilmember Villagomez has served the City of Webster in various capacities throughout the years. Past service includes presiding as the former

### Official Election Results May 12, 2007 General Election

	Total	Election Day	Early Voting
<b>Councilmember, Pos. 3</b>			
Bill Coleman	84	52	32
Roger W. Baker	9	5	4
Becky Ellisor	53	28	25
<b>Councilmember, Pos. 4</b>			
Steve Waltz	123	71	52
<b>Councilmember, Pos. 5</b>			
Carlos J. Villagomez	103	55	48
Hubert Marshall Cook	33	24	9

Director and Board Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Vice-President and Board Member of the Webster Economic Development Corporation.

Councilmember Villagomez states his goals and priorities are to improve communication between business owners and the City Council by forming a Business Alliance and improve infrastructure, namely the roadways, throughout Webster.

Councilmember Villagomez is currently a member and former Director of the Space Center Chapter Rotary, a member and former Executive Director of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the South Shore Harbour M.U.D. #2. He is the current President and 20-year member of the Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre. Councilmember Villagomez has been a resident of the City of Webster for 30 years and is a business owner in the City, as well.

## Councilmember Gaines represents Webster in countywide organization

Council member Beverly Gaines will represent the City of Webster as she serves as the newly elected Treasurer for the Harris County Mayors' & Councils' Association (HCMCA). During her one-year term, Gaines will perform the traditional duties of the Treasurer by maintaining accurate records of necessary billing, collecting annual dues and paying approved expenses.

HCMCA is an association that is open to elected officials from 27 cities

throughout Harris County. The goals of the association include promoting the general welfare of all the communities of Harris County, maintaining lines of communication between various governmental units, creating a better understanding among the cities and governmental units of Harris County, and aiding in the improvement of municipal administrations.

Monthly business meetings are held where members hear a speaker with expertise in some area directly or indi-

rectly associated with the business of municipal government. Attendees benefit from innovative ideas and the opportunity to network with other elected officials.

Councilmember Gaines has served as a member of the association since her election in 2006 and is honored to now serve as Treasurer. "The HCMCA provides a great source for area leaders to network and learn about ideas and processes that could benefit the City of Webster," commented Gaines.



# New evacuation plan put into place

Hurricane season is underway, and in an effort to effectively manage hurricane disasters, a new evacuation plan based on zip codes, along with planned contraflow routes, has been released by Harris County. The new plan gives priority to people who live in the storm surge and urges those who live on higher ground to prepare to shelter in place. Contraflow routes have also been set up to help alleviate traffic congestion.

As referenced by the map, the two Webster zip codes, 77598 and 77058, are included in Zone A and, if needed, will follow the evacuation of the Coastal Zone.

## Contraflow Routes

All decisions to activate contraflow will be made by the Texas Department of Public Safety based on the strength of the storm and projected landfall.

### Interstate 10 west to San Antonio

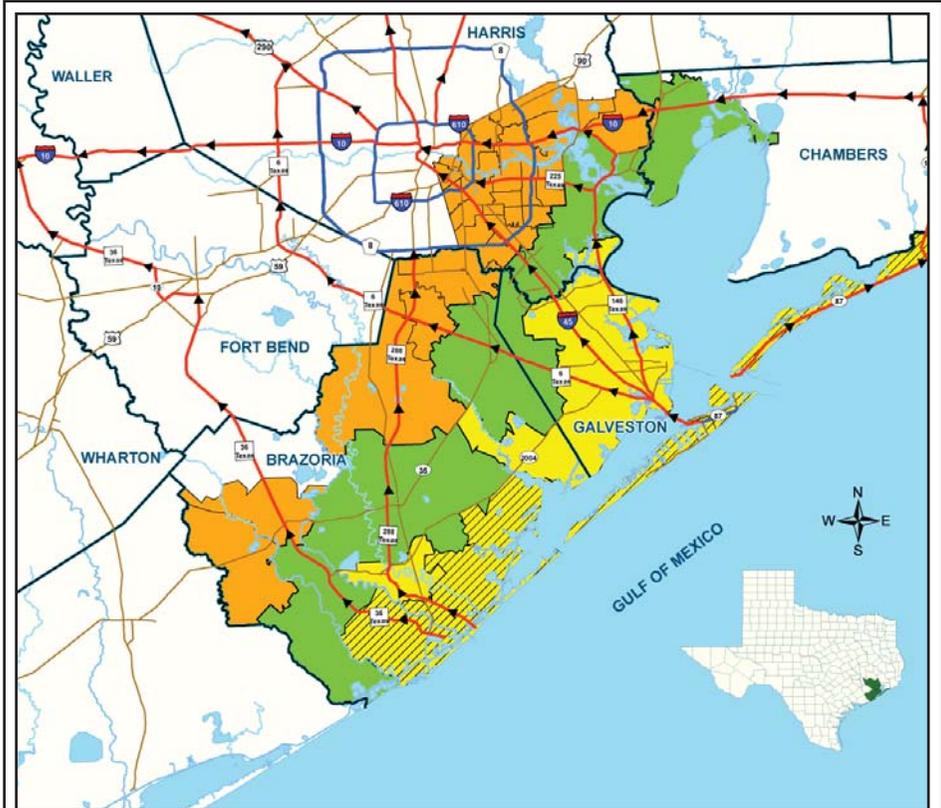
The contraflow operations will begin east of FM 359 in Brookshire. Traffic in two west-bound lanes will cross over to the contraflow side to travel westbound. The contraflow lanes will end at Loop 1604 in San Antonio.

### Interstate 45 north to Dallas

The contraflow operations will begin north of SH 242. Some northbound traffic will cross over to the contraflow side to travel northbound. Contraflow and other I-45 motorists will have access to fuel stations at multiple locations along I-45. The contraflow lanes will end at US 287 near Ennis, 40 miles south of Dallas.

### Interstate 59 north to Nacogdoches

The contraflow operations will begin south of Kingwood Drive and continue to Nacogdoches.



Zip-Zone Coastal				
77541	77550	77551	77554	77617
77623	77650			
Zip-Zone A				
77510	77518	77531	77539	77563
77565	77566	77568	77573	77577
77586	77590	77591		

Zip-Zone B				
77058	77059	77062	77422	77507
77511	77515	77517	77520	77534
77546	77571	77598		

Zip-Zone C				
77011	77012	77013	77015	77017
77023	77029	77034	77049	77061
77075	77087	77089	77480	77488
77502	77503	77504	77505	77506
77521	77530	77536	77547	77562
77578	77581	77583	77584	77587

### Highway 290 west to Austin or Waco

The contraflow operations will begin west of FM 1960. Northbound traffic from SH 6 can turn west into US 290 contraflow lanes.

For additional information on evacuation or contraflow, visit [www.hcoem.org](http://www.hcoem.org).

## Webster Fire hosts boating safety class

On August 4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Webster Fire Department will host a boating safety class taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Fire Station #1, 17100 Texas Avenue.

This one-day class will cover topics including boating terms, state & federal requirements, trailer tips, navigation rules, aids to navigation, boat handling, emergencies, and water sports.

The cost for the class is \$40, which includes state certification from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The class is limited to 15 people, and registration is required. For registration or additional information, contact Fred Steves at 713.639.6202 or [steves@myronsteves.com](mailto:steves@myronsteves.com).

## Fire Department welcomes junior firefighters

The City of Webster Fire Department is now taking applications for Webster residents who are between the ages of 16-18 and are interested in receiving training in the fire and EMS fields.

The Junior Firefighter Program is designed to give teenagers a start in the public safety arena by allowing participants to attend training meetings, help after incidents, and interact with other staff. Members of the program will be trained to a basic level and receive credits that can be applied toward upper level certification upon turning 18 years of age. At this time, participants would also be eligible to transition to the status of volunteer firefighter for the City.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and willing to make a commitment. For more information on the application process or the program, contact Sandra Weidenbach at 281.316.3742 or [sandraw@websterfd.com](mailto:sandraw@websterfd.com).



# Edgewater development makes great progress

The 538-acre site for Edgewater, Webster's first mixed-use, master-planned community, has seen great changes since the project began in January 2006.

The former power plant infrastructure that was on the property was demolished in January 2007, and the first phase (approximately 2,100 linear feet) of Water Street, the major thoroughfare in the community, has been completed. The remaining two phases are set to be finished by August 2008.

Plans are underway for the first high-end multi-family development.

The Villas, a collection of 414 apartments will be developed on 27 acres by Atlanta-based Davis Development. In addition, during early fall of 2008, 110 single-family lots are slated to be developed.

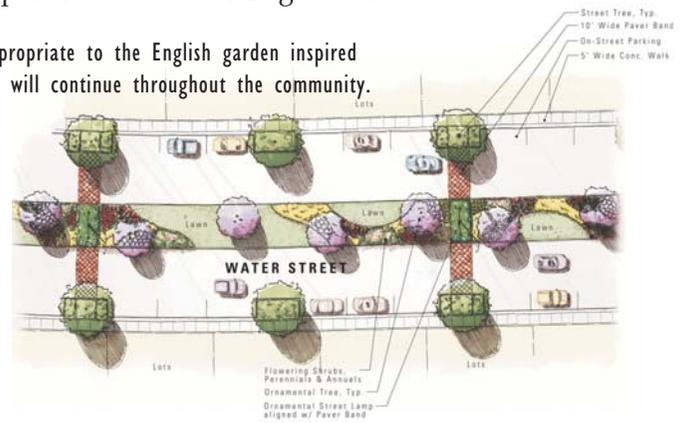
Planned to become the area's most prestigious address with an English Regency style architectural theme, Edgewater will encompass an ideal mix of single family and custom single family residences supported by "town centered" upscale retail, commercial, luxury apartment, townhome and mid-rise residential components.

Residents will enjoy a marina with a custom designed club house and pool, lakes, lush landscaping and nature trails leading to a 35-acre nature preserve situated on the banks of Clear Creek. Boating enthusiasts will have convenient protected waterway access to Clear Lake, Galveston Bay and beyond and will be able to dock their vessels in the Edgewater Marina. Custom home owners will have the choice of marina docking or housing boats along one of several canals adjacent to the custom home island section of Edgewater.



The entrance to Edgewater will feature a substantial monument amid English garden inspired landscaping.

Plants appropriate to the English garden inspired landscaping will continue throughout the community.



## Ad Astra Rocket Company moves to Bay Area Plaza

As the "aerospace capital of the southwest," the City of Webster is excited to expand its out-of-this-world list of aerospace industries with the addition of the Ad Astra Rocket Company (AARC).

AARC is a rocket propulsion company dedicated to the development of advanced plasma rocket propulsion technology. The company will soon move its research and development laboratory to Bay Area Plaza to accommodate the continued development of the Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket (VASIMR). Formerly located on the grounds of the Johnson Space Center (JSC), AARC will occupy approximately 10,000 square feet at the new location.

The mission of AARC is to revolutionize space transportation and exploration through the development and commercialization of the VASIMR



The VX-100 test bed in operation at the JSC facility.

engine and related technologies. Throughout the last few years, private spaceflight for tourism and other commercial applications have seen a tremendous increase in popularity. Private investments for these projects have grown tremendously and AARC looks to further enhance the technology needed for these voyages. The VASIMR is expected to perform a variety of func-

tions at a fraction of the cost of competing technologies, including the delivery of large payloads to the lunar surface, recovery of space resources from asteroids and comets, and propelling cargo and human missions to Mars and beyond. The VASIMR propulsion system, powered by a nuclear-electric generator, will allow for more rapid excursions into space.

AARC was officially organized in July of 2005. Former astronaut Dr. Franklin R. Chang Diaz serves as company president and CEO. Dr. Chang Diaz invented the VASIMR concept and has been working on its development since 1979. AARC is teamed with NASA JSC, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston and other various government space and research centers, industrial companies and academia, including foreign universities.



# Future growth of the City of Webster being reviewed

The City of Webster is dedicated to supporting continued growth and development while preserving and enhancing its existing character and environment. Keeping with these standards, the Webster Comprehensive Plan, which serves as a principal component of the overall planning process for the City, is currently being reviewed and updated.

The Webster Comprehensive Plan, originally developed in 2001, serves as a guide for policy decisions relating to the physical and economic development of Webster. The Plan was developed as a 20-year master plan that indicates the type, scale and density of future development with consideration of infrastructure, quality of life, environmental sensitivity, economic vitality, and fiscal

responsibility. It addresses community vision, community profile, land use issues, transportation, community enhancement, and implementation of set goals.

A 10-member Citizens Advisory Committee, comprised of members of City Council, City Boards, City staff, residents, and business owners, are currently working with Wilbur Smith, a consulting firm tasked with developing and updating the Plan, to provide input on outlined objectives. Those objectives include addressing the established elements of the Plan, as well as adding recommendations for a NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan, evaluation of existing zoning, and a future sidewalk system. The committee is more than halfway through the review process.

Upon completion of the committee's evaluation, the information and additional research conducted by Wilbur Smith will be compiled in a formal report to be presented to City Council. The final report will outline broad goals with specific objectives and action statements relating to Webster's growth.

Expected to be presented to Council in October, the Webster Comprehensive Plan is intended to be slightly optimistic and inspirational, enough to challenge the future of the community, but provide clear direction through statements of action as to how to achieve the desired vision of the community.

For questions about the Webster Comprehensive Plan update, contact Holland Leger 281.316.4122.

## Upscale additions enhance Bay Area Boulevard vitality

Those who visit, dine and shop in the City of Webster will soon have more options as plans are in place for a new Holiday Inn and the Shops at the Bay to be constructed in the 300 block of Bay Area Boulevard.

Overlooking the Shops at the Bay, the Holiday Inn will feature 108-rooms among five stories. More than 2,400 square feet of meeting and banquet space will accompany a restaurant on the ground floor.

The Shops at the Bay will add to Bay Area Boulevard's vitality with more than 20,000 square feet of retail frontage. Shoppers can expect great choices in dining and specialty boutique establishments.



The Holiday Inn



Shops at the Bay

## City of Webster, Academy support Bay Area charity

The City of Webster teamed up with Academy Sports & Outdoors and the TroutMasters Tournament to support Bay Area Turning Point.

On June 16, Webster's Academy hosted the Official Weigh-In for the Galveston/Upper Coast TroutMasters Tournament. The fish from the tournament were cleaned and filleted and donated to Bay Area Turning Point, a local non-profit organization that serves victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Mayor Donna Rogers, along with representatives from Academy Sports & Outdoors and American Rodsmiths, were on hand to present the donation to Bay Area Turning Point representative Carron Rockco.



From left: Robert Scherer, American Rodsmiths; Manuel Yfante, Academy Sports & Outdoors; Carron Rockco, Bay Area Turning Point; Mayor Donna Rogers; Jason Wooden, Academy Sports & Outdoors; Garret "Bubba" Scherer, American Rodsmiths



# City of Webster plans for future growth

From a small village to a bustling city, Webster has grown tremendously since the early 1870s and continues to grow and change everyday. With the addition of numerous new businesses and residences, including Webster's first master-planned community, Edgewater, City Council and staff are taking proactive steps to ensure that City services will be able to accommodate all of the new growth.

On June 19, Council took the first steps in expanding the current wastewater treatment plant by approving a resolution to award the bid for construction to CSA Construction in the amount of \$7,696,600, to be funded through the issuance of utility revenue bonds. When complete, the expansion will allow the plant to process twice as much as its current capacity.

In 1980, a four-phase design for the wastewater treatment plant was implemented with equipment capable of processing 1.1 million gallons per day (MGD). Phase two was completed in 1985, increasing the flow to 1.65 MGD. The last updates to the plant were made during phase three in 1995 when new structures were built to enhance the process, but did not increase the flow. This expansion, which is expected to be completed in 18 months, will increase the flow to 3.3 MGD.

Because the treatment of wastewater is a multi-step process, doubling the capacity of the current plant entails upgrades to various elements of the current plant, as well as purchasing several new pieces of equipment.

The pump station will receive four new pumps and controls to handle the increased flow into the plant. These pumps will replace the three existing ones. Once inside the plant, the wastewater will move through a new grit removal system to extract any solid materials. The liquid will then

## Public Works exceeds standards for environmental quality

The wastewater treatment plant discharges treated wastewater which exceeds state and federal standards, in order to protect the health of the community and the environment. The City of Webster is proud to provide service above and beyond the expectations of the wastewater industry.

Permit	Daily Average Allowance	Current Webster Average	Minimum Detectable Limit
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD)	5 mg/L	2 mg/L	2 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	12 mg/L	1.4 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
pH	6-9	7.1	
Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N)	2 mg/L	0.2 mg/L	0.1 mg/L
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	5 mg/L	7.9 mg/L	

move onto the aeration process where three new aeration basins will be added, along with three new clarifiers, giving a total of six each. The next step in the process will include an increased digester to handle the increase in solids and the rapid sand filters will be refurbished and extended by 20 feet. To complete the process, an additional chlorine contact basin will be added to supplement the current basin in order to handle the final effluent. The expansion will also include four new blowers, a complete upgrade to the electrical system, and a generator capable of powering the entire plant.

During the expansion, no interruptions in service are expected. Drivers may see an increase of traffic on Magnolia Avenue, but no other adverse impact is anticipated. Current staff plans to handle the expansion by cross training existing public works employees for operation and maintenance to avoid hiring additional employees.

These improvements to the current plant are expected to accommodate the future growth of the City for five to 10 years. These updates continue to exhibit Webster's dedication to growth and quality of life.



Three additional aeration basins and clarifiers will be added in the expansion, which adds up to six units of each type.



To handle the increased flow, the three existing pumps and controls will be replaced and one new pump will be added.



The final step in the process will benefit from an additional chlorine contact basin.



# R recreation staff performs heroic measures

On May 11, the City of Webster recreation staff was called to action when a child was found unresponsive at the bottom of the pool. Suzanne Kukfisz and Lindsay Davis were instrumental in removing the 12-year-old victim from the water so that Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) could be administered. John Warnement, serving as Recreation Manager, and Tammy Weiss, a nurse on scene, began CPR on the child. The child was revived and has not suffered any long term ailments due to the incident.

“It is field performances, such as these, that give the City of Webster Recreation Department the reputation it deserves for providing excellent services to its community,” remarked Chief Roy L. Hunter, CLEMC.

Chief Hunter recognized the staff for their excellent assessment skills and field management at the June 5 City Council Meeting. Plaques for “Water Rescue” were presented to Kukfisz and Davis, as well as for “Save by CPR” to



From left: Tammy Weiss, Michael Drone, Amber Griffin, Amanda Rossi, John Warnement, Natalie Drone, Adrian Davila, Lindsay Davis, and Suzanne Kukfisz Warnement and Weiss. Other instrumental staff who were recognized included Amber Griffin, Adrian Davila, Natalie Drone, Michael Drone, and Amanda Rossi.

While serving as Foreman in the Public Works department for 14 years, Juan Hinojosa has preformed various duties that have had a significant impact on the community. During this time of year, Juan’s responsibility for overseeing the Mosquito Control Program is one aspect of his job that he thoroughly enjoys and is a tremendous benefit to the community.



Juan sees his role of managing the Mosquito Control Program as one of his greatest accomplishments. It has afforded him the opportunity to become a member of the Texas Mosquito Control Association Conference. He attends conferences twice a year to receive updated information on mosquitoes, how to better the program and how to prevent or prepare for viruses that mosquitoes carry, such as the most recent, West Nile Virus.

Juan enjoys working for the City and having the opportunity to improve in fields such as animal control, mosquito control, and beautification of the City. He looks forward to contributing solutions to the challenges that present themselves everyday.

Juan began his career with Webster in 1993 as foreman over the parks, building, and maintenance departments. In 1998, growth made it necessary to divide these departments, and he became the Maintenance Foreman. Juan’s background includes experience in customer service and maintenance in the construction and remodeling fields.

Originally from Taft, Texas, Juan has made his home in the Houston area since 1976. He has been married to Maria for 38 years, and they have four children and two grandchildren.

Faces behind the City

## Citizens Night Out planned

On August 7, citizens of Webster are encouraged to join their neighbors for a great time as the Webster Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (WCPAAA) sponsors Webster Citizens Night Out.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Texas Avenue Park, located at 17000 North Texas Avenue, will be overflowing with fun activities for the entire family. Those in attendance can look forward to enjoying the antics of a clown, two contests for children who bring a drawing and a poem, as well as prizes and giveaways. A police officer will be on hand providing information on crime and drugs. Be sure to come hungry, as hot dogs and drinks will be available.

The WCPAAA encourages everyone to come out and meet neighbors and fellow citizens, and reminds citizens to turn on front porch lights during the evening of August 7.



## Volunteers lend a helping hand

In May, civic groups from across Bay Area Houston and volunteers from the Webster Police and Fire Departments worked together to construct playground equipment at Chatham Village apartments.

“This is a non-profit apartment complex that provides extra services to tenants. This will provide the children a safe, enjoyable place to play with other children,” expressed Webster Police Chief Ray Smiley.



# Residential

Yards of the month



*April*  
James & Arlene Lockwood  
608 Travis Street



*May*  
Henry & Andrea Wilson  
18322 Anne Drive



*June*  
Shirley Simmons  
310 Hubert Street

# Commercial



*April*  
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center  
500 W. Medical Center Boulevard



*May*  
Manor Care Nursing Center  
750 N. Texas Avenue



*June*  
Oxford Inn & Suites  
915 W. NASA Parkway

## Residents can take action to lower insurance premiums

Over the last several years, residents across Texas have seen a dramatic increase in the cost of homeowners insurance. Through

research and due diligence, however, there are several ways for consumers to save on the rising rates.

1. Check your policy to

make sure it reflects the correct Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating.

ISO measures the quality of public fire protection in a community through analysis of relevant data and issues a rating from 1 to 10, with Class 1 representing exemplary fire protection. The City of Webster has had a Class 2 rating since March 1, 2004.

Virtually all U.S. insurers of homes and business properties use the ISO's - PPC in calculating premiums. If your policy reflects a higher rating, your premium could be too high.

2. Consult your agent to ensure you are receiving all eligible discounts.

Some insurance companies offer discounts, ranging from five to 15 percent for those who choose to combine homeowners and auto insurance policies. Other discounts include allowances for smoke detectors, deadbolt locks, security or fire alarm systems, and fire extin-

guishers in the home. Those who are over 55 and retired may qualify for an additional 10 percent discount.

3. Make necessary changes to your home to be a better insurance risk.

Reducing the risk of damage to your home caused by a disaster could reduce your premiums. Examples include making updates in preparation for hurricanes or updating electrical systems to reduce the risk of fire.

4. Be knowledgeable about what your policy covers.

It is imperative that there is ample coverage protecting your biggest investment. Your policy should cover home improvements, increased cost of rebuilding and major purchases.

5. Keep insurance coverage up to date.

Reevaluating your homeowner's insurance policy annually is a good practice. Discuss any changes with your agent to be sure you have ample coverage and correct rates.

## Crime statistics

January 2007 - June 2007  
Webster  
Police Department



Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Assault	16	29	16	23	24	20
Burglary	11	8	21	8	7	10
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	0	1	2	0	2
Rape	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stolen Vehicle	9	3	7	3	5	11
Theft	65	41	63	46	46	67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>111</b>
Accidents	91	71	102	92	105	106
Calls for Service	2,042	1,847	2,151	1,989	2,091	2,007



## Public meeting notes

### April 3, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*Sherri Cavler, CEO for Interfaith Caring Ministries, thanked the City of Webster for their partnership in the Technology Center and noted the assistance of Finance Director Mike Rodgers, IT Staff, Jeffrey Johnson and Mike Rodriguez, as well as Coordinator John Warnement.

\*Adopted an ordinance amending section 66-218 of Chapter 66 to allow additional directional signs for certain hospital complexes (Unanimous).

\*Approved a Short Form Final Replat for Linda Lane Extension, Replat of Reserve "A", (Unanimous), \*Approved award of El Camino Real from bids to Teamwork Construction in the amount of \$82, 724 (Unanimous).

\*Approved to accept a sidewalk easement along the west side of Texas Avenue, north of Bay Area Boulevard, from 702 Bay Partners, L.P. (Unanimous).

### April 17, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*Adopted an ordinance amending various articles and sections of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Webster, known as the "Personnel Code". (Unanimous)

\*Adopted an ordinance amending Section 132 (c) (d) (f) of Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances changing the responsibility of control of water and wastewater adjustments to the Director of Public Works. (Unanimous).

\*Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Harris County for Election Equipment and related services for the May 12, 2007 City Election and any subsequent runoff election (Unanimous).

\*Approved and authorized the mayor to execute a Standard Utility Agreement and Utility Joint-Use Acknowledgement with Texas Department of Transportation (Unanimous).

\*Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report (Unanimous).

\*Adopted a resolution approving Chapter 58, Article IV "Curfew" of the Code of Ordinances (Unanimous).

### May 1, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute the Standard Utility Agreement and the Utility Joint Use Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation in connection with the relocation of utilities along the I-45 corridor (Unanimous).

\*Appointed members to positions No. 8, 9, 10 and 11 to the Board of Directors of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) (Unanimous).

### May 15, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*An official canvass of the General Election held on May 12, 2007 was accepted (Unanimous). Adopted a resolution for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers, Bill Coleman, Steve Waltz and Carlos Villagomez (Unanimous).

\*Action to elect Carlos Villagomez as Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term was approved (Unanimous). \*Held a public hearing regarding an ordinance to provide Good Friday as a holiday for City Staff. \*Approved a proposed Final Plat of Edgewater (FOR: Rogers, Villagomez, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Myers; ABSTAIN: Waltz).

\*Approved a Final Replat of Webster Town Center (Unanimous).

\*Approved a Final Plat for Magnolia Center (Unanimous).

\*Approved a Final Replat for WOW Land Holdings (Unanimous).

\* Approved a Final Replat for Webster HFH Commercial Park (Unanimous).

\*Adopted a resolution urging Texas Congressional Delegation to request and support funding for the US Army Corps of Engineer General Re-evaluation Report on Clear Creek for the Fiscal Year 2008 (Unanimous).

\*Held a discussion and directed Staff regarding the Painting/Beautification of Petrochemical Storage Tanks (Unanimous).

\*Held a discussion and directed Staff regarding a Zip Code Initiative in Webster (Unanimous).

### June 5, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*Chief Hunter of Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps presented plaques to John Warnement, City of Webster Recreation Coordinator, for his role in performing CPR to save a 12 year old drowning victim in Webster. Plaques were presented to Suzanne Kukfisy and Lindsay Davis and Tammy Wiess, a nurse on the scene. Mr. Warnement's support staff was also recognized for their efforts, Amber Griffin, Adrian Davila, Natalie Drone, Michael Drone, and Amanda Rossi.

\*Adopted an ordinance amending Section 4, Attendance and Leave Policy, by adding Good Friday as an official City Holiday (Unanimous).

\*Adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 42 to update the City's Flood Damage Prevention (Unanimous). Directed Staff to examine and present revisions to the sign ordinance creating a specific category for certain billboard. (Unanimous).

\*Approved a Pipeline Permit Application for Enterprise GC, L.P., for installation of an 18" Liquefied Gas Pipeline through the City of Webster (Unanimous).

\*Authorized the Mayor to execute a Commercial Electricity Service Agreement between the City of Webster and Direct Energy, LP for a period of eighteen (18) months (Unanimous).

\*Authorized the purchase of a trailer-mounted portable generator for Water Wells (Unanimous). \*Appointed Councilmember Waltz and Mr. Ed Fryday to the Webster Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for terms expiring August 31, 2007 and August 31, 2008 (Unanimous)

### June 19, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

\*Director of Public Works Shannon Hicks recognized Harry Bookout and William Garvin for receiving their Water and Wastewater A License, which qualifies them for the Double AA Membership

\*Chief of Police Ray Smiley recognized Rusty Lovel for receiving his Bachelors Degree.

\*Held Public Hearings on a proposed Special Use Permit request to allow the location of a communication tower to utilize a portion of the Edgewater Development Property and on a proposed rezone of a portion of 1427 West NASA Parkway.

\*Approved a proposed Final Development Plan for the Edgewater Development project primary entry concept monument, fountain, and landscape plan (Unanimous).

\*Received a report and held discussion regarding funding options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

\*Adopted a resolution expressing the intent to finance expenditures to be incurred in the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Unanimous).

\*Awarded the bid of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion to CSA Construction in the amount of \$7,697,600 (Unanimous).

\*Held discussion and gave staff direction regarding an analysis and recommendation from Wilbur Smith Associates regarding Parking and Loading Standards (Unanimous).

\*Approved Amendment No. 4 to the Webster Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Bylaws to change the regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m. (Unanimous)

\*Appointed Dr. Todd McCoy and reappointed Debbie Oglesby for terms expiring 6-30-10 to the Animal Control Board. (Unanimous).

\*Reappointed Kevin Sellars, Patrick Stegent, and Norman Miller for terms expiring 6-30-09 to the Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals (Unanimous).

\*Reappointed Jerry Ellis and Pat Casinger for terms expiring 06-30-10 to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board (Unanimous).

\*Reappointed Leo Waltz, Frank Moreno, and Troy Stewart for terms expiring 6-30-09 to the Planning and Zoning Commission regular terms and appointed Dr. Tim Hughes for an alternate term expiring 6-30-09; and Paul Dolan for an alternate term expiring 6-30-08 (Unanimous)

\*Reappointed David Painter, Klaus Oglesby, and James Wilson for terms expiring 6-30-09 to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals (Unanimous).

\*Approved cancelling the regular July 3, 2007 meeting.

\*Adopted a resolution confirming the previously established exemptions from Ad Valorem Taxation (Unanimous).



# City of Webster City Council



**Melvin Ellis**  
Council Position 1



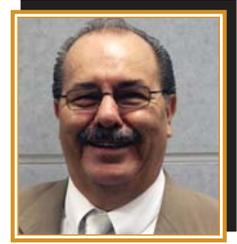
**Bill Coleman**  
Council Position 3



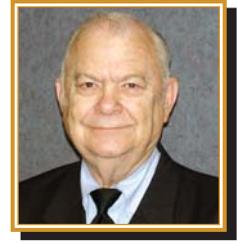
**Donna Rogers**  
Mayor



**Steve Waltz**  
Council Position 4



**Carlos Villagomez**  
Council Position 5



**Floyd Myers**  
Council Position 6



**Beverly Gaines**  
Council Position 2

## City Officials

Mayor: Donna Rogers	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 1: Melvin Ellis	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 2: Beverly Gaines	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 3: Bill Coleman	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 4: Steve Waltz	281.332.1826
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
<b>EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police Department (Non-Emergency)</b>	<b>281.332.2426</b>
217 Pennsylvania Ave.	
<b>Fire Department (Non-Emergency)</b>	<b>281.332.2711</b>
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
Comcast	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

