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CONSTRUCTION SPEEDS ALONG



Updates on NASA Parkway Bypass & Interstate 45



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Calendar of events

January

2nd	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
4th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
10th	5:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board Meeting
15th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
16th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
18th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
28th	1:00 p.m.	Senior Trip (Holocaust Museum)

February

1st	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
5th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
6th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
12th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
15th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
19th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
20th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
21st	9:30 a.m.	Senior Trip (Texas City Museum)
29th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

March

4th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
5th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
11th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
11th	6:30 p.m.	Senior Trip (Rice v Texas Baseball Game)
14th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
18th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
19th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
22nd	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt at Walnut Park
28th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

*Dates and times of scheduled meetings subject to change.

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Road construction paves way for accessibility

Orange cones and caution signs have become a common sight along roadways, but motorists will soon be able to take advantage of the convenience and accessibility that result from construction, as some of the projects throughout Webster are nearing completion.

Interstate 45

Widening and improvements south from Medical Center Boulevard are expected to be completed by early 2010. When the project is completed, Interstate 45 will be widened from three lanes to five lanes in each direction and will go over NASA Parkway.

NASA Parkway Bypass

A portion of the NASA Parkway Bypass is expected to be completed by the end of first quarter 2008. At that time, motorists will be able to utilize the main lanes from Kobayashi to NASA Parkway. The intersection at Interstate 45, along with the frontage roads east to Highway 3, will also be open at this time. The target completion date for the remainder of the Bypass from Water Street to Nassau Bay is

August 2008.

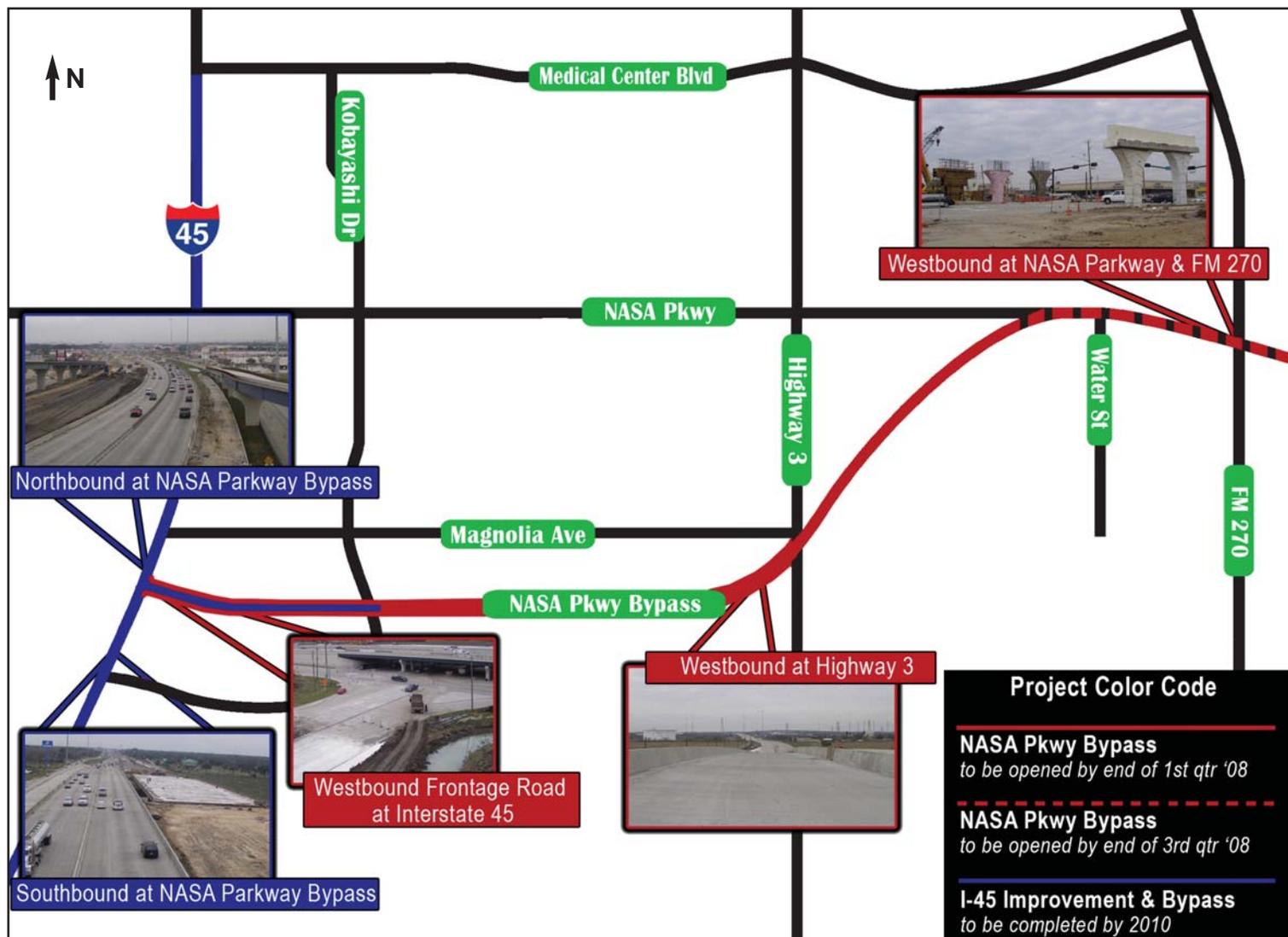
The connector ramps from Interstate 45 to the Bypass will not be open to motorists until 2009. This project will coincide with Interstate 45 construction between NASA Parkway and Medical Center Boulevard.

NASA Parkway

The final improvements to NASA Parkway between Highway 3 and Water Street are expected to be done in July 2008.

Beginning in summer 2008, a new intersection will be built at Interstate 45. The project will include the demolition of the current "cloverleaf" configuration and the construction of a new intersection at grade underneath Interstate 45. When complete, the design will be similar to the intersection at FM 518 and Interstate 45.

Stay up to date on current road closings and construction by clicking on the "Construction Update" section on the homepage of the City of Webster's website, www.cityofwebster.com





Cruz Rivera retires after 30 years of service

In December 2007, the City of Webster said goodbye to Cruz Rivera after 30 years of service.

Cruz began his career with the City fulfilling janitorial and grounds keeping duties. After four months, he moved to the water department as a utility crewman.

"My first job was a water tap at Carlos' Beer Garden and this started my career in the water department," stated Cruz.

After three years of employment, Cruz began operating the backhoe and became a foreman a year later. He held the title of utility foreman until his retirement. In that position, Cruz was responsible for a variety of duties relating to construction projects. He completed inspections of construction sites, worked with contractors, planned for underground drainage, and could always be looked to for locating underground water, sewer, and storm drains. Cruz could be found around the City operating heavy

City of Webster GIS Specialist Richard Parkin, right, relied on Cruz's knowledge regarding the location of underground utilities for many mapping projects.



Cruz worked with numerous contractors, including Ronnie Gray with Kinder Morgan and Cande Cienfuegos with Texas Tandem pictured at left.

equipment during all 26 years as a utility foreman.

Throughout his career, Cruz was truly interested in his position and eager to learn. He attributes much of his success to listening and paying attention. Cruz's dedication and willingness to make himself available 24 hours a day are traits that will be missed.

"No matter how large or how small the job was, he was always there to see it through," added Superintendent,

Water/Wastewater Divisions Joe Ferro.

Cruz attributes his longevity to the fulfillment and enjoyment he continued to receive from his position. He took pride in the opportunity to grow with the City and service the citizens of Webster with 100 percent satisfaction. Cruz was grateful for the generous benefits available to employees.

"I saw many improvements in the City, especially in the professional field. This job helped me be a responsible person and allowed me to educate each one of my children through college," Cruz commented.

Cruz was born in Matamoros, Mexico and moved to the United States after the 6th grade. He has been married to Guadalupe for 40 years, and they have three grown children and eight grandchildren. He plans to spend his time enjoying life with family in Texas and Mexico. Cruz plans to stay busy by remodeling houses.

City Secretary Pauline Small receives statewide honor

City Secretary Pauline Small was honored recently as the 2007 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year during the Annual Texas Municipal Clerks Associations' (TMCA) Awards Banquet held in Fredericksburg.

Small has served as city secretary since 1998. Previously, she served as city secretary in the City of Sealy for six years. Throughout her career, Small has obtained numerous certifications. She earned the prestigious Texas Registered Municipal Clerks Certification in 1997 and completed the requirements for recertification in 2002 and 2007. She is currently enrolled in the third level of recertification. In 1998, she met the requirements of a Certified Municipal Clerk of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). In 2002, she was accepted into IIMC's Master Municipal Clerks program.

City Secretary Small currently serves on the executive board of TMCA, Inc., a statewide professional association of municipal clerks with more than 913



Mayor Donna Rogers, left, with City Secretary Pauline Small, Rose Hamidian, and Councilmember Beverly Gaines at the TMCA Awards Banquet in Fredericksburg.

members. As an active professional and mentor, Pauline has served on all the TMCA committees of the statewide organization and has made outstanding contributions to the development of the professional education of municipal clerks throughout Texas. She served as president of the local Salt Grass Chapter of municipal clerks in 1998 and served in all the chapter's offices and committees prior to election as president.

Pauline has served as an instructor for numerous educational sessions for TMCCP, H-GAC (COG), and the Salt Grass Chapter, as well as a co-author for sixth, seventh, and eighth editions of the Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook. She chaired the MMCI Records Management Scholarship program for TMCA, and assisted in the development of the Deloris McKenzie Scholarship for local Salt Grass Chapter members.

TMCA, Inc., is an organization dedicated to serving the demands of excellence in Texas' local government and public problem-solving. The Association's principal missions are to motivate the Texas City Clerks and/or City Secretaries to become leaders in their fields of governance and to provide an educational program for the beginning and career city clerk and city secretary to meet the highest standards of functional competence and ethical sensitivity.



City of Webster 2008 General Officers' Election to be held May 10

The City of Webster, Texas will hold a General Election for City Officers on May 10, 2008. As of this publication time, the Mayor's Position and Council Position No. 6 will be on the May ballot. Current office holders respectively are Donna Rogers and Floyd H. Myers. The incumbents in these positions are term limited. However, City Charter states that the Mayor shall be eligible to serve in the elected position as Councilmember after having served one (1) or two (2) consecutive terms as Mayor, and a Councilmember shall be eligible to serve in the elected position of Mayor after having served one (1) or two (2) consecutive terms as Councilmember. Election packets for interested candidates will be available in the office of the City Secretary. Please note that should any event causing the need for a Special Election to fill an unexpired term vacancy, that filing period has a different filing deadline which is earlier than the regular General Election's filing deadline.

The Early Voting polling place will be in City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, in the City Secretary's office. 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, contact the City Secretary's office, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, 281.332.1826.

Important dates are as follows:

- Feb. 9 First day to file an application for a place on the ballot. (Cannot file until the Election is called by Council.)
- Mar. 4 Last day to file for a place on the ballot for a Special Election to fill an unexpired term if so called, 5 pm.
- Mar. 10 Last day to file for a place on the ballot for the General Election, 5 pm.
- Mar. 11 First day to apply for a mail ballot.
- Mar. 11 Drawing for order of names on ballot 4 pm.
- Mar. 17 Last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy, 5 pm.
- Mar. 18 Deadline for candidate to withdraw from an election, 5 pm.
- Apr. 10 Last day to submit voter registration application for May Election.
- Apr. 25 Last day to request an application for mail ballot in person.
- Apr. 28 First day of early voting by personal appearance.
- May 2 Last day to receive an application by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail.
- May 6 Last day of early voting by personal appearance.
- May 10 ELECTION DAY 7 am-7 pm.
- May 13 Canvass of Election at a Special Council Meeting if no provisional votes are cast.

Elección General de Oficiales de la Ciudad de Webster de 2008

La Ciudad de Webster, Texas, celebrará una Elección General para Oficiales de la Ciudad el 10 de mayo de 2008. Al tiempo de esta publicación, la Posición para Alcalde y la Posición para Concejal Núm. 6 aparecerán en la boleta de mayo. Los oficiales que actualmente ocupan las posiciones son respectivamente Donna Rogers y Floyd H. Myers. Los oficiales que ocupan estas posiciones actualmente tienen términos limitados. Sin embargo, la Carta Constitucional indica que el Alcalde podrá ser elegible para servir en una posición electa como Concejal luego de haber servido uno (1) o dos (2) términos consecutivos como Alcalde, y un Concejal podrá ser elegible para servir en una posición electa como Alcalde luego de haber servido uno (1) o dos (2) términos consecutivos como Concejal. Los documentos de elección para candidatos interesados estarán disponibles en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad. Por favor sepa que en caso de que algo cause la necesidad de una Elección Especial para llenar una vacante de un término sin expirar, ese período de postulación tendrá un plazo de postulación diferente, el cual es más temprano que el plazo de postulación para una posición en la Elección General.

El Lugar de la Votación Adelantada será en la Alcaldía, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad. La votación el Día de la Elección será en el Vestíbulo de la Alcaldía, 101 Pennsylvania. Habrá un aparato especial de votación para asistir a votantes impedidos durante la Votación Adelantada y el Día de la Elección.

Para información o preguntas, comuníquese con la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, 281.332.1826.

Las fechas importantes son las siguientes:

- feb. 9 Primer día para someter una solicitud para una posición en la boleta. (No se puede someter la solicitud para una posición en la boleta hasta que la Elección haya sido ordenada por el Consejo.)
- mar. 4 Último día para someter una solicitud para una posición en la boleta para una Elección Especial para llenar un término sin expirar, si fuese ordenada, 5 pm.
- mar. 10 Último día para someter una solicitud para una posición en la boleta para la Elección General, 5 pm.
- mar. 11 Primer día para solicitar una boleta por correo.
- mar. 11 Sorteo para determinar el orden en que los nombres aparecerán en la boleta, 4 pm.
- mar. 17 Último día para que un candidato por inserción escrita declare su candidatura, 5 pm.
- mar. 18 Fecha plazo para que un candidato retire su candidatura de la elección, 5 pm.
- abr. 10 Último día para someter una solicitud para registro de votación para la Elección en mayo.
- abr. 25 Último día para solicitar personalmente una aplicación para votar por correo.
- abr. 28 Primer día para la votación adelantada en persona.
- mayo 2 Último día para recibir por correo una solicitud para votar por correo.
- mayo 6 Último día para una votación adelantada en persona.
- mayo 10 DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN 7 am-7 pm.
- mayo 13 Escrutinio de la Elección en una reunión especial del Consejo de la Ciudad si no han sometido votos provisionales.



Easter Bunny to hop through Webster

The Easter Bunny will be hopping by for a great event at Walnut Park on March 22, 2008. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will kick off at 10 a.m. with "hunting areas" designated for ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-10, and senior citizens. Special eggs will be hidden for prizes to be awarded in each category. After all the eggs have been found, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. This event is free and open to all Webster residents.



Space technology takes a giant leap in Webster

New laboratory brings Constellation Program to Webster

By the year 2010 the space shuttle will be retired, and human space exploration will take on a new, but familiar, look.

Lockheed Martin, along with other industry leaders and NASA, is making history as planning and development of the Constellation Program and new manned space vehicles move forward.

At a recent dedication ceremony, Lockheed Martin announced the opening of a new 10,000-square-foot Exploration Development Laboratory (EDL) in Webster.

Located on Forge River Road off of Feathercraft, this new facility will be the prime location for the design, development, testing, and evaluation of the Orion crew exploration vehicle.

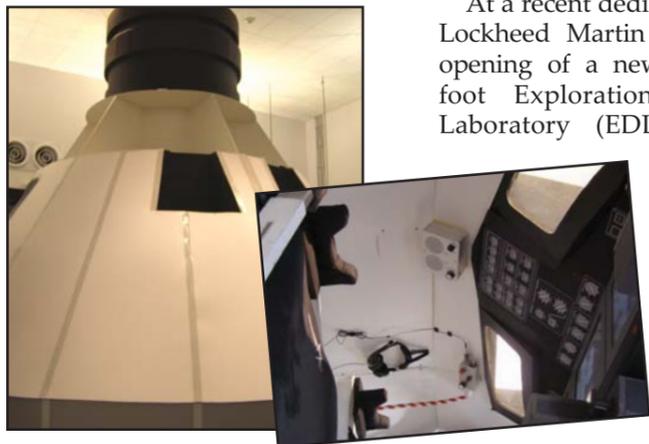
Serving as the central member of a family of spacecraft and shuttle-derived launchers that the Constellation Program is developing, Orion will carry astronauts back to the moon and later to Mars. Orion's design will borrow its shape from the capsules of the past, but takes advantage of 21st century technology in computers, electronics, life support, propulsion and heat protection systems. The Orion capsule will have the capability to transport up to six astronauts to and from the International Space

Station (ISS) and up to four astronauts to the moon and destinations beyond. The first trip to the ISS is expected no later than 2014; whereas, voyages to the moon are projected by 2020.

The EDL is a state-of-the-art test facility funded by Lockheed Martin, United Space Alliance, and Honeywell as part of an integrated EDL network that includes facilities in Denver, Colo.; Glendale, Ariz.; and Arlington, Va.

"The Exploration Development Lab provides a tremendous benefit to NASA and the Lockheed Martin team as we begin a very robust test program for Orion," said Cleon Lacefield, vice president and program manager of Project Orion for Lockheed Martin Space Systems.

The economic impact from the EDL is tremendous. The primary investment in facilities and infrastructure was \$55 million. An initial 200 jobs will be created at the facility, with additional positions expected in the future. The total for direct jobs related to Orion is expected to reach 850.



Orion may borrow its shape from Apollo, but new updated electronics, life support, propulsion and heat protection systems are more advanced than past systems.



The EDL allows researchers to perform systems level avionics and software testing for Orion in a realistic environment.

Ad Astra Rocket Company, NASA sign Space Act Agreement

Ad Astra Rocket Company (AARC), located at 141 West Bay Area Boulevard, signed its second Space Act Agreement with NASA at a ceremony held at AARC's new headquarters and laboratory facility in Webster.

The new Agreement provides a framework for long-term collaboration between the parties in the development and in-space operational implementation of the Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket (VASIMR™) engine. This new plasma-based space propulsion

technology was initially studied by NASA and is now being developed privately by AARC. The technology could allow its operators to conduct space operations such as lunar cargo delivery, interplanetary flights, and drag compensation of space stations in low Earth orbit to be carried out with much smaller amounts of pro-

pellant than chemical rockets.

The agreement recognizes the importance of the VASIMR™ engine's role in supporting NASA's space exploration programs and provides the space agency with continued access to the latest advances in plasma technology. Michael Coats, Director of Johnson Space Center, and Franklin Chang-Díaz, Chairman and CEO of AARC,

signed the Agreement.

"I am very pleased with the collaborative framework the NASA-Ad Astra team has developed, and I look forward to our working together to bring this technology to full commercial fruition," said Chang-Díaz.

Camarata & Perry Commercial,

LLC outfitted AARC's new facility to accommodate a 24-ton simulation chamber that will be used to test the plasma rocket prototype. The new Webster location also features high-tech office and laboratory space.

The City of Webster's economic development team is pleased that recruitment efforts resulted in AARC's landing in Webster. Representatives from AARC stated they were excited about the move to Webster and look forward to long-term, highly successful relationships with NASA and the City of Webster.



Standing in front of the vacuum testing chamber from left, Councilmember Carlos Villagomez, Ad Astra scientists Dr. Tim Glover and Dr. Jared Squire, and Councilmember Beverly Gaines.



Franklin Chang-Díaz and Michael Coats sign the Agreement.



Councilmember Villagomez addresses those in attendance at the Agreement signing ceremony.



CheckFree Health & Fitness opens office in Webster

CheckFree Health & Fitness, now part of Fiserv, recently relocated to a new office in Webster. The 25,000 square foot facility is located at 16969 North Texas Avenue within the new Corporate Centre Texas complex. The new office features a dedicated training theater that will provide an enhanced experience for clients who attend the company's monthly training courses.

"The opening of our new office reaffirms the commitment of CheckFree to the health and fitness industry, to our clients around the world, and to the local business community," said Matt McKernan, senior vice president and general manager of CheckFree Health & Fitness. "Our location in Webster provides easy access for both our employees and our clients, which helps us conduct business efficiently."

The newly opened office includes features that promote a collaborative work environment, including increased network connectivity and convenient, accessible meeting space. The training theater is separate from associate office space and features a built-in projector system, a raised floor for wire connectivity, video conferencing, a visitor break room, and laptop lounge.

CheckFree Health & Fitness has delivered software and services designed to meet the operational, financial, and membership management needs of the health and fitness industry since 1981. Today, CheckFree provides thousands of facilities worldwide with club management software, transaction processing, and outsourced member billing and data management.



The new office includes many features that promote a collaborative work environment.



Tax preparation assistance offered by AARP Tax-Aide

Free tax preparation will be available for low to middle income taxpayers in Webster this tax season. AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, will have a free tax preparation site at the Webster Recreation Center. While the service is available for low- and middle-income taxpayers special attention will be given to those ages 60 and older.

Taxpayers should bring their W-2's, 1099's, Social Security income form(s), information on their pension income, all Social Security cards, or ITIN cards, and a copy of last year's tax statement. Tax returns will be electronically processed so that tax payers will receive any refunds faster. Volunteers at the preparation site have been IRS trained and certified and can answer most of the tax issues faced by low- to middle-income taxpayers.

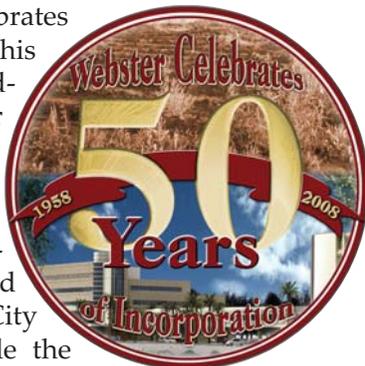
The Webster Recreation Center AARP Tax-Aide site will be located at 311 Pennsylvania during the following hours from February 1 to April 15, 2008:

- Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Wednesday: Noon-8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated, 501(c) (3) nonpartisan charitable organization, established in 1961. It administers publicly and privately funded programs, such as AARP Tax-Aide, the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program, and the AARP Home Equity Information Center. These programs also receive support from AARP.

50th Anniversary Celebration rescheduled

The City of Webster celebrates 50 years of incorporation this year. Information was included in the 2007 4th quarter Gateway about a celebration on January 26, 2008 to commemorate this occasion. In order to incorporate a variety of events for past and present citizens of Webster, City Council voted to reschedule the celebration to a springtime date to be announced. Preliminary plans include an outdoor event held at Texas Avenue Park. As event details are finalized, additional information will be released.



2007 Christmas Light Contest Winners

Commercial



1st Place H-Town Bail Bonds
17500 Hwy 3



2nd Place Carraba's Italian Grill
502 W. Bay Area Boulevard

Residential East of Hwy 3



1st Place Ayala Family
18206 Kings Lynn



2nd Place Terry & Debbie Jones
18507 Anne Dr.



3rd Place Charles Thorp
18503 Kings Row



Honorable Mention Ron & Maureen Sikora
18419 Anne Dr.

Residential West of Hwy 3



1st Place Alicia Leal
323 Cole



2nd Place Betty Gaines
214 Henrietta



3rd Place Cathy Cobb
507 Brad Court



Honorable Mention Angelika Nossa
226 Henrietta



City of Webster celebrates holiday events

2007 Halloween Carnival Texas Avenue Park



From left: Albert Carbajal, Jerry & Councilmember Melvin Ellis, Shannon Munson, and John Warnement



From left: Georgie Benavides, and Sylvan & Joan Pesek



Annah Sandoval



Brandon Anthony Lora



Ethan Wild

2007 City of Webster Christmas Celebration Webster Civic Center



From left: Jay Corbin and Mel Donehue



From left: Georgie Benavides, Councilmember Melvin Ellis, and Alex & Barry Dietrich



From left: Jo Perez, and Alberta & Jesse Napoles



From left: Sophia, Emily, & Councilmember Carlos Villagomez



From left: Councilmember Floyd Myers and Ray Smiley



From left: Laura & Brody Lovel with Santa

2007 Holiday Senior Luncheon Webster Recreation Center



From left: Mary Jane & Bob Anderson



From left: Betty & Bobby Watkins



From left: Diana & Ruth Carlson



From left: Gail Myers and Sylvan Pesek



Yards of the month

Residential



October
Jim & Karin Williams
305 Hubert



November
Giancarlo Farinelli
18607 Kings Row

Commercial



October
Baybrook Park Apartments
500 W Texas Avenue



November
Baystone Apartments
800 W NASA Parkway

Municipal Court adds night dockets

The City of Webster Municipal Court has extended its service to the community through new convenient night court hours.

At 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, the Court will hear all non-jury cases where the defendant pled not guilty, requested a trial, and the officer is one of the eight officers currently assigned to the 6 p.m. docket. The new option offers convenience to citizens and a potential savings of \$5,000 for the City, as the amount of overtime necessary for evening shift officers to attend court during daytime hours is reduced. Also, a brief arraignment docket is held to accommodate juveniles charged with Class "C" offenses so that it is not necessary to miss school.

"The night dockets offer more flexibility to everyone. Officers are able to better schedule courtroom appearances," commented Webster Police Captain Tom Claunch.

The first docket was held in May 2007 and more than 40 cases have been heard disposed.

For information, call 281.338.6702 or email court@cityofwebster.com.

Leadership Webster rescheduled for fall 2008

The Leadership Webster classes originally scheduled for January will not be held because enrollment did not meet minimum requirements, but applications are now being accepted for a session scheduled for fall 2008.

Leadership Webster offers citizens the chance to learn more about City government and how it works through two-hour sessions held once a week for eight-weeks. Twenty applicants are required and specific dates for the classes will be determined based on interest.

Applications can be downloaded from the City Secretary's department page of the City of Webster's web site www.cityofwebster.com.

Crime statistics

January 2007 - November 2007
Webster Police Department



Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Assault	16	29	16	23	24	20	20	28	25	31	24
Burglary	11	8	21	8	5	10	12	13	9	10	8
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	3
Rape	0	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	0
Stolen Vehicle	9	3	7	3	12	11	13	6	7	6	5
Theft	65	41	63	46	61	67	59	62	55	49	55
Totals	104	82	108	83	106	111	105	111	99	99	95
Accidents	91	71	102	92	88	106	88	128	111	108	123
Calls for Service	2,042	1,847	2,151	1,989	2,058	2,007	1,994	2,046	1,897	2,414	2,085



Public meeting notes

Oct. 2, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

City Secretary Pauline Small introduced the new Deputy City Secretary Crystal Scott.

Roy Green, representing the Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau thanked Council for the City's participation.

Held a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to allow unlimited building height in the C-3, Third Commercial District.

Approved second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning classification of 21401, 21501, 21601, and 21701 Gulf Freeway and 1005 Myrtle Avenue from Planned Development and First Industrial District to Planned Development District Number 6. (Unanimous)

Approved second reading of an ordinance amending the personnel policy, employment and retention policy. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Waltz, Villagomez. Against: Myers)

Approved first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow a maximum building height of 204 feet in the C-3 District. (Unanimous)

Approved \$5,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to sponsor the 2007 Wings over Houston Airshow. (Unanimous)

Approved \$10,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to sponsor the Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre for the 2007-2008 Season. (Unanimous)

Approved \$2,500 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to sponsor the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Trailride Dinner Dance. (Unanimous)

Approved \$10,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to sponsor the Bay Area Motorcycle Rally. (Unanimous)

Approved \$50,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Fund for the Bay Area Boulevard Sidewalk Project. (Unanimous)

Approved the purchase of an Elgin Whirlwind MV Sweeper in the amount of \$172,497.22. (Unanimous)

Approved to set the October 16, 2007 Council meeting to propose an ad valorem tax rate of \$.24887/100 of value for fiscal year 2007-2008 (2007 tax year). (Unanimous)

Oct. 16, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

Held a public hearing on proposed amendment to allow decorative/ornamental fencing in the required front yard of R-1 and R-1A Districts.

Approved second reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow a maximum building height of 204 feet in the C-3 District. (Unanimous)

Approved first reading of an ordinance fixing the tax rate and tax levy for the tax year 2007. (Unanimous)

Approved first reading of an ordinance to rezone a portion of 1427 NASA Parkway from C-3 to PD. (Unanimous)

Failed - first reading of an ordinance permitting decorative/ornamental fencing in certain zoning districts. (For: Rogers, Coleman. Against: Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

Approved sale of a surplus sport utility vehicle for \$2,500. (Unanimous)

Approved purchase of ten (10) vehicles for the Police Department, one (1) for Public Works Department, and one (1) for the Community Development Department. (Unanimous)

Approved purchase of a network switch in the amount of \$54,564 from Calence, LLC. (Unanimous)

Approved to accept a right of entry and easement for the proposed 13.2-inch wide waterline within CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's Webster - South Houston right-of-way. (Unanimous)

Approved to accept an 8-inch wide sanitary sewer line and 20-foot by 25-foot lift station site within CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC. (Unanimous)

Approved to table acceptance of 60-inch wide storm sewer line within CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC. (Unanimous)

Approved to grant an easement to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC from the City of Webster, Texas for a 2-inch wide Fiber Optic Cable. (Unanimous)

Approved to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for professional services with PBS&J for a drainage utility study in the amount of \$59,978. (Unanimous)

Approved to conditionally accept approximately 2,500 LF of concrete pavement, along with drainage, water, and sewer improvements of Water Street, Phase I. (Unanimous)

Approved first reading of an ordinance altering the prima facie speed limit to 30 mph on Water Street south of NASA Parkway. (Unanimous)

Failed - first reading of an ordinance permitting the consideration of applications for bank depository services from institutions not doing business within the City of Webster but within a limited distance from City Hall. (For: Gaines, Coleman, Villagomez. Against: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Myers)

Approved cancellation of the November 6, 2007 City Council Meeting due to a conflict with the annual Texas Municipal League Conference. (Unanimous)

Approved acceptance of Michael's Jez's resignation as City Manager effective November 8, 2007 and appointment of Jamie Galloway as Interim City Manager until a new City Manager is

appointed. (Unanimous)

Oct. 23, 2007 Special Council Meeting

Approved to recommend WEDC approve funding for both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 regarding the Bay Area Traffic Study presented by Brown and Gay Engineering. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Waltz, Villagomez)

Approved closure of the swimming pool and for Staff to bring back options for land use. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Waltz, Villagomez)

Approved the Bay Area Boulevard Sidewalk Enhancement Project concept, not to exceed \$750,000. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Waltz, Villagomez)

Approved participation of the City of Webster in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program, Option 2. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Coleman, Waltz, Villagomez)

Nov. 20, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

The City of Webster Police Academy Alumni Association made presentations to Officer Daniel Rebolledo, Dispatcher Tiffany Swanson, Officer Debra Cyr, and Officer Daniel Vasquez for the "Catch a Cop" award.

Held a public hearing on the ad valorem taxation of tangible personal property in transit or "Super Freeport" goods pursuant to Section 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code.

Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning classification of 1427 West NASA Parkway from C-3 to PD Number 5. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez. Against: Myers)

Approved the second reading of an ordinance altering the prima facie speed limit to 30 mph on Water Street south of NASA Parkway. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved and authorized Mayor to execute an agreement with Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved the use of a portion of the Recreation Building for a tax assistance program sponsored by AARP from February 1, 2008 to April 15, 2008. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved to direct Staff to plan an event at Texas Avenue Park, when the weather is better, for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and hold a workshop with Council, Staff, and the Celebration Committee to discuss the details. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 78, Article I of the Code

of Ordinances providing for the ad valorem taxation of tangible personal property in transit or "Super Freeport" goods. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved to direct Staff to examine the policy concerning the usage of the large activity room located in the Recreation Building and bring back a recommendation, including addition of the activity room, with a floor plan. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved authorization to purchase one (1) 25-passenger bus through HGAC for the Community Development Department. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 46, Health and Sanitation, of the Code of Ordinances to improve unsightly and unsanitary conditions. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved first reading of an ordinance amending Section 90-30, Article II, Landscaping, of Chapter 90, Vegetation, of the Code of Ordinances to provide safety and enhancement of our roadways and sidewalks. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved first reading of an ordinance designating the north side of Greene Street as a "No Parking" Zone. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved acceptance of a 60-inch wide storm sewer line easement within CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's Alexander Island. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved award for Fiber Optic Cable installation to Fire Stations 1 and 2 and the Blossom Water Plant to Christian Telecom for a total of \$68,192.74. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved the legal review of the City of Webster's Code of Ordinances by Municipal Code Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$4,750. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved a resolution casting a ballot for Ed Heathcott to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Approved cancellation of the second scheduled City Council Meeting for December 18, 2007 and the first scheduled City Council Meeting for January 1, 2008. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Table the Executive Session. (Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)



Standing Left to Right

Melvin Ellis
Council Position 1

Beverly Gaines
Council Position 2

Carlos Villagomez
Council Position 5

Floyd Myers
Council Position 6

Seated Left to Right

Bill Coleman
Council Position 3

Donna Rogers
Mayor

Steve Waltz
Council Position 4

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
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	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 Specialist	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
Harris County Public Health	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



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