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Calendar of events

April

1st	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
2nd	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
11th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
15th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
16th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
25th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
30th	5:30 p.m.	Senior Trip (Alley Theatre: <i>American in Paris</i> Musical)

May

3rd	9:00 a.m.	Pet Health Safety Day
3rd	12:00 p.m.	Police Department Open House
6th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
8th	11:00 a.m.	Webster Business Alliance Luncheon
8th	5:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board Meeting
9th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
10th	7:00 a.m.	General & Special Election Day
13th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
20th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
21st	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
23rd	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
28th	9:30 a.m.	Senior Trip (Houston Museum of Fine Arts: Pompeii Exhibit)

June

3rd	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
4th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
6th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night
10th	6:00 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
17th	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
18th	6:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (If needed)
20th	6:00 p.m.	Senior Game Night

*Dates and times of scheduled meetings subject to change.

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A message from Council...

It's Spring, and Webster is growing! Webster has experienced growth for many years now. In fact, we are celebrating our 50th year of incorporated existence. In that time, growth has been steady, with the occasional spurt. Has it all been good for us? My opinion is that the answer is yes – on the whole.

In the 30+ years I have lived here, I have seen:

- Several annexations, most notably the Green Acres and environs in the late 70s.
- The I-45 corridor retail explosion, capped by the Business Alliance.
- Infrastructure struggling to keep pace, and sometimes taking the lead, with streets paving the way.
- The Medical Center flourishing and "flowering" (from Blossom Street to Jasmine – a.k.a. Medical Center Boulevard)
- City facilities, staff, and service in the top ranks of the entire metropolitan area.
- Several completions of the Gulf Freeway — with more to come!

Not everyone welcomes the changes that growth necessarily brings. A relaxed, small-town atmosphere can be comforting and secure. On the other hand, new developments can instill a vibrancy that is infectious in its enthusiasm. Where Webster has been fortunate is seen in the retention of a small-town atmosphere in much of its doings – as evidenced by the Fourth of July celebration. Will that feeling be lost as growth continues, especially with the latest developments, such as Edgewater and the Bypass?

We have choices, and we have facts of life. Growth of the Bay Area is happening (fact of life), but we will have opportunities to make Webster the best it can be in the process. While the City cannot prohibit development, we have the ability to steer development via our zoning and planned development districts and in the providing of infrastructure, such as water and sewer capacities. The phrase "best it can



Council member
Steve Waltz

be" is where the choices come in. What seems "best" to one citizen may be in conflict with the "best" concept of another citizen. Make your voice heard.

Edgewater is the largest development Webster has ever had, or will ever have (with the possible exception of urban renewal in the next century.) The City chose to get involved as a partner. Because of this partnership, we have considerable influence in its design. Webster is also providing infrastructure in a sort of a "pay-as-you-go" approach. Could we have chosen to resist this growth that may upset our small-town atmosphere? Realistically, no. The landowners have the right to improve their property, as does each citizen. If we had not cooperated but fought this, inevitably we may have seen the land used for considerably less than the "highest and best purpose." In fact, when the use was that of an electricity generating plant, the zoning was industrial.

When Edgewater is fully developed in the next decade, will we have a second (or third) community? Neighborhoods have their own personality. The original Webster townsite and Webdale are perhaps the core of the small-town atmospherics. Green Acres and Landolt have their own independent aloofness. Will Edgewater be a community of sophisticates? How will these communities be amalgamated as Webster? Time will tell, but we may have choices to make that may determine the eventual fate of Webster's character. Again, it comes down to what we collectively feel is the "best it can be."

The Comprehensive Plan is being updated and ought to recognize these challenges (voice your input.) Even so, our future path is steered by forces of which the City is only one of the partners. So to speak, we have the steering wheel firmly in grip, but are driving in the middle lane of the freeway. Be assured, the officials and staff have the best interests of Webster at heart and will do what is desirable, feasible, and responsible.

Committee gearing up for 4th of July Celebration

The City of Webster Celebration Committee is gearing up for this year's 4th of July Celebration. Fun for the whole family is being planned throughout the day.

Parade

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will travel through the neighborhood west of Highway 3, with Congressman Nick Lampson serving as parade marshal. Those interested in participating in the parade should meet at 9 a.m. at the corner of Henrietta and Houston (one block north of NASA Parkway). Prizes will be given for floats, costumes, and bicycles. Call Becky Ellisor at 832.452.5725 for more information.

Civic Center

A hot dog lunch will be served in the Civic Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. The 42 Tournament and games of bingo

will follow lunch.

Also at 11:30 a.m., outdoor music, games, and prizes will be available for children at the Webster Recreation Building. A hot dog lunch will also be served in this area.

Texas Avenue Park

Family fun featuring bingo, demonstrations, and games for all ages will kick off at 5 p.m. at Texas Avenue Park. The evening will include a break dance performance, a Veterans Ceremony, as well as special presentations by the Police and Fire Departments. The finale of the evening, the fireworks display, will begin at 9:10 p.m.



Wayne Sabo joins Webster as new City Manager

Excited about joining such a unique community, Wayne Sabo has jumped into his new position as City Manager with both feet. Since coming on board, he has worked to acquaint himself with elected officials, City staff, residents, and community leaders and believes that Webster is an impressive community with infinite potential.

Sabo's goals for the future focus on commercial, residential, and employee relations. He looks forward to shaping the community for future growth by working to encourage new commercial development, as well as redevelopment. His underlying objective in this endeavor is to gain, retain, and maintain commercial entities, while bridging new and existing businesses for a harmonious mix.

Enhancing residential services and amenities is a priority for Sabo. He plans to facilitate enhancements for aging infrastructure and buildings and create new green space in the form of a park on FM 270. Although Sabo sees the value of commercial development, he is dedicated to protecting and buffering existing neighborhoods from encroach-



(From left) City Manager Wayne Sabo with Council members Beverly Gaines, Floyd Myers, and Carlos Villagomez at a Meet and Greet event for Sabo held in March.

ing businesses.

To assist in reaching his goals, Sabo places a great deal of emphasis on employee relations. He will strive to not only maintain but increase benefits for staff in order to retain quality employees.

Sabo brings with him more than three decades of leadership experience, including positions in the military, private industry, and municipal government. He served as city administrator for Manvel, as well as city planner and director of public services for Alvin. Prior to joining Webster, Sabo was the director of planning, engineering and

community development in La Porte.

In previous positions, Sabo spearheaded the development of successful projects in geographical information systems, public safety, code enforcement, community development, zoning standards, and economic development.

When away from the office, Wayne and his wife, Morag, enjoy hobbies that center around supporting their daughter, Deirdre, in her quest to earn a berth on the United States Equestrian Team in Olympic Dressage. Deirdre will graduate from Baylor in May and go on to further her professional equestrian career.

Serving his local community, Sabo occupies the vice chair position for the Manvel Economic Development Corporation, Iowa Colony Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 29. He holds a bachelor's degree in urban development from the University of Illinois, masters' degrees in management and police administration from Troy State University, as well as a master's certificate in planning and operations from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

City of Webster employees recognized for years of service

At a luncheon recently hosted by the City at the Civic Center, 17 employees were recognized for their years of services to the City of Webster. Collectively, these employees represent 200 years worked in various capacities.

20 Years of Service

Jeff Tate, *Patrol Sergeant, Police*

15 Years of Service

Tom Claunch, *Captain, Police*

Homero Gamez, *Heavy Equipment Operator, Public Works*

Richard Horbach, *Patrol Sergeant, Police*

Denise Thomason, *Telecommunications Operator, Police*

10 Years of Service

Harry Bookout, *Water/Wastewater Operator, Public Works*

Jeffery Cargile, *Patrol Officer, Police*

Debra Cyr, *Patrol Officer, Police*

Andy Kersten, *Warrant Officer, Police*

Howard Myers, *Crewman II, Public Works*

John Warnement, *Superintendent, Public Works (former Recreation Manager)*

Rick Vargas, *Captain, Fire*

Sonny Caldwell, *Crewman II, Public Works*

(in memoriam, accepted by Beverly Caldwell)

5 Years of Service

Leslie Folks, *Telecommunications Operator, Police*

Stephen Shen, *Accountant, Finance*

Tiffany Swanson, *Lead Telecommunications Officer, Police*

Israel Chapa, *Training Lieutenant, Fire*

City budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 receives national accolades

The Government Finance Officers Association of The United States and Canada (GFOA) recently awarded the City of Webster with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007.

To receive the award, budget documents must receive a rating of proficient

based on stringent guidelines used to assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The award is a significant achievement and reflects the commitment of the City of Webster in meeting the highest principles of governmental

budgeting. This marks the 18th time the City has received the award.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 17,500 finance professionals. GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

New street sweeper features innovative component

Senior Mechanic Dan Zombory recently was recognized for going above and beyond his scope of work when ordering the City's new street sweeper.

During the ordering process, Zombory worked with Elgin, the dealer, to design a grease bank on the vehicle to allow for more efficient maintenance for operators. While not a totally new concept, this application was innovative as Elgin had never provided this on a street sweeper. Because of the success on Webster's model, Elgin will now offer this option to future customers. Zombory has displayed a great deal of teamwork since receiving the new sweeper by working with the operators



Zombory's innovative grease bank design will now be offered to all Elgin customers.



The new sweeper is an Elgin Whirlwind MV Sweeper.

to ensure that the sweeper is properly run and maintained.

The new street sweeper is an Elgin Whirlwind MV Sweeper and features larger side brooms and the ability to sweep from both sides at the same time. Also, the hopper has a protective liner

to help prevent deterioration.

The sweeper runs during business hours on Wednesday and Thursday, as well as early Friday morning. Citizens are asked to keep the streets clear of vehicles during these time periods so the sweeper is able to clean all areas of the City.

Mayor, three Council positions to be on May ballot

On May 10, the City of Webster will hold both a general and special election at City Hall.

The Mayor Position and Council Position No. 6 will be on the ballot for the general election. Current office holders respectively are Donna Rogers and Floyd H. Myers. These positions are term limited and these individuals may not serve again in these same capacities. However, according to City Charter, the Mayor may run for a Council position and a Council member may run for the Mayor position. Those running for Mayor are Floyd H. Myers and Carlos Villagomez, who is currently serving as Council member Position No. 5.

The candidates for Council member Position No. 6 are Hubert M. Cook and Donna Rogers.

A special election will be held on the same date for two unexpired two-year terms. Council member Bill Coleman, Position No. 3, has moved out of the Webster jurisdiction and that position is now vacant. Due to Council member Villagomez's filing to run for Mayor, he vacates Position No. 5. He will serve in this position until it is filled in May.

Mel Donehue filed for Council member Position No. 3 and is unopposed. Diana L. Newland and Natalie Dolan have filed for Position No. 5. Both positions have two years remaining on the terms.

The Early Voting polling place will be in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania. Early voting will be available from April 28 through May 6 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30

Important dates to remember

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 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Las fechas importantes son las siguientes

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 temprana en persona.
mayo 2	Último día para recibir por correo una solicitud para votar por correo.
mayo 6	Último día para una votación anticipada en persona.
mayo 10	DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday. On May 5-6, voting hours will be extended to 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a jueves, entre las 7:30 a.m. y las 5:30 p.m.; viernes, entre las 7:30 a.m. y las 11:30 a.m., (entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de mayo y el 6 de mayo) en la oficina de la Secretaria Ciudad, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, empezando el 28 de abril y terminando el 6 de mayo de 2008.)

Voting on Election Day will be in the City Hall Lobby, 101 Pennsylvania from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 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, 281.332.1826.

Webster launches Space Walk project

Bay Area Boulevard, one of the City's most vibrant corridors and often referred to as "hotel and restaurant row," is slated to become an international tourist attraction with the Webster Space Walk. As NASA's Johnson Space Center is in Webster's backyard, human exploration of space is of monumental importance to the City. Additionally, Space Center Houston, the region's top tourist attraction, is a prime generator of overnight stays at Webster hotels.

The Webster Space Walk will serve as a tribute to America's human space exploration initiative by replicating key space vehicles amid attractive landscaping, seatwalls, interpretive signage, and sculptural elements.

The visual, educational, and economic impact of the Webster Space Walk promises to be spectacular. Landscape architectural firm Clark Condon Associates is preparing concepts to achieve maximum results. Using monies from a special revenue fund reserved for projects that enhance tourism, the City looks forward to the creation of a unique tourist attraction along Bay Area Boulevard from Interstate 45 to Highway 3.



Seatwalls and sculptural elements will be incorporated in the Space Walk project along Bay Area Boulevard.

St. Luke's Hospital breaks ground

St. Luke's Episcopal Health System recently broke ground on the new St. Luke's Clear Lake Hospital, located on the corner of Blossom Street and Highway 3.

Scheduled to open in 2010, the 375,000-square-foot, nine-story, 175-bed state-of-the-art facility will feature 108 private rooms with acute care beds, 23 private rooms dedicated to women's services, a 32-bed intensive care unit, and 18 operating and procedure rooms. The hospital will offer comprehensive diagnostic and imaging services, inpatient and outpatient services, and medical and surgical services.



From left: Irene Helsinger, Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System; Alfred Maksoud, MD, Member, St. Luke's Clear Lake Hospital, LLC; Nadir Ali, MD, Member, St. Luke's Clear Lake Hospital, LLC; The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, DD, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Texas & Chair, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System; Chester Jones, Director, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System & Chair, St. Luke's Community Development Corporation; David J. Fine, President & CEO, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System; Monzer Hourani, CEO, Medistar Corporation; and Donna Roger, Mayor, City of Webster.

Baybrook Gateway Shopping Center welcomes two new retailers

Baybrook Gateway Shopping Center, located at the southeast corner of Interstate 45 and Bay Area Boulevard, is the new home for Linens 'n Things and World Market.

New to Webster, but an old friend in the area, Linens 'n Things (LNT) is one of the leading national retailers of home textiles, housewares, and decorative home accessories. LNT offers high quality, brand name home furnishings merchandise at everyday values while providing superior guest service. The company's mission is to exceed the expectations of their guests in every one of the 500 stores across the country and Canada. LNT's new location boasts more than 28,000 square feet of fantastic selections at great prices.

Linens 'n Things is open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Shoppers looking for something eclectic or wildly different will find a new discovery at

every turn at World Market. More than 20,000 international products, including baskets from Bali, pottery from Portugal, glassware from Poland, collectibles from Africa, and scrolled artwork inspired by Spanish artifacts, line the shelves of more than 18,000 square feet of space. Those with a taste for something different can sample hard-to-find gourmet foods, including biscuits from Britain, sauces from Asia, and chocolates from Belgium. Shoppers can complete their adventure with a stop by the wine department where the offerings include Champagne from France and wines from exotic countries like Chile and Australia. Buyers for World Market travel the globe and visit remote villages, centuries-old factories, and foreign bazaars to bring exceptional finds to shoppers.

World Market's hours of operation are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Sunday.

LINENS-N-THINGS

COST PLUS
WORLD MARKET

New restaurants augment Dining Capital

Webster serves up the region's best restaurants and entertainment, including a wide range of cuisines and scenes. From sizzling steaks to shrimp quesadillas to spicy wings to big screen cinemas or theater dining, Webster is home to more than 100 restaurants, dozens of family entertainment venues, and nightlife hotspots. Dining choices continue to grow with a variety of recent openings and a plethora of options coming soon.

Now Open

Ichibon Japanese Seafood & Steakhouse

18206 Egret Bay Blvd ○ 281.333.0089 ○ www.ichibonhouston.com

Ichibon Japanese Seafood and Steakhouse serves up delectable Japanese cuisine with a full service sushi bar, hibachi grill room, and comfortable table seating. The menu emphasizes seafood and sushi, but a variety of items are available for everyone to enjoy.

Logan Farms Honey Glazed Hams & Market Café

939 W Bay Area Blvd ○ Baybrook Gateway ○ 281.554.4426 ○ www.clearlake.loganfarms.com

Logan Farms, famous for hickory smoked, spiral sliced, and honey glazed hams, touts an expanded menu that includes a wide variety of sandwiches and home style plate lunches made fresh daily.

McAlister's Deli

20911 Gulf Frwy, Ste D ○ Webster Town Center ○ 281.554.7720 ○ www.mcalistersdeli.com

McAlister's Deli's menu offers up more than 100 choices of sandwiches, spuds, salads, soups, sweets, and more. Diners can always

find fresh tastes, quick service, and a welcoming friendly atmosphere where they can relax for hours or eat and run.

Suffi Persian Grill

911 E NASA Pkwy ○ Village Real ○ 281-990-0700

Suffi Persian Grill offers traditional Persian dishes featuring fresh ingredients chargilled over an open flame. The menu boasts a variety of kabobs and gyros with choice of beef, poultry, and seafood.

Opening Soon

Baba's Mediterranean Grill

300 W Bay Area Blvd, Ste 700 ○ Shops at the Bay

BABA's Mediterranean Grill entices diners with an extensive offering of favorites, including salads, dips, pitas, and fresh meats and vegetables. As a cafeteria style restaurant, diners can chose from prepared items, as well as order freshly prepared sandwiches and grilled-to-order plates.

Chipotle Mexican Grill

304 W Bay Area Blvd ○ Shops at the Bay ○ www.chipotle.com

Chipotle Mexican Grill spices up fast-casual dining by allowing customers to build their own 1-1/4 pound burrito, taco or bowl from a lineup that includes chicken, carnitas, steak, or barba-coa, as well as beans, rice, guacamole and various other veggies and salsas.

Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet

1039 W Bay Area Blvd ○ Baybrook Gateway ○ www.dimassisbuffet.com

Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet brings culture and excitement to diners' taste buds through fresh, flavorful entrees with true Mediterranean spices. The offerings include low

fat, low calorie choices that don't sacrifice authentic Mediterranean taste.

Firehouse Subs

300 W Bay Area Blvd ○ Shops at the Bay ○ www.firehousesubs.com

Firehouse Subs specializes in large-portioned subs with premium meats and cheese, steamed hot, and placed atop fresh produce on freshly baked, toasted bread. An authentic firefighter theme is carried throughout the restaurant with a family-oriented atmosphere.

Mooyah Burgers

300 W Bay Area Blvd ○ Shops at the Bay ○ www.mooyah.com

Mooyah Burgers is a fast casual burger franchise with a simplistic menu offering made-to-order hamburgers with 100 percent fresh American beef, served on fresh daily baked buns, french fries hand-cut daily, and 100 percent pure ice cream shakes.

Thai Lemon Grass Restaurant

300 W Bay Area Blvd, Ste 900 ○ Shops at the Bay

Thai Lemon Grass Restaurant combines the fundamental flavors of spicy, sour, sweet, salty and bitter to create authentic Thai dishes. The menu features a variety of treasured family recipes offered in a quiet oasis of calm.

Vegas Grill

20931 Gulf Frwy ○ Webster Town Center ○ www.mmg.biz

Vegas Grill serves up a menu of your favorite made-from-scratch Mexican, Italian, American, and Asian dishes. Enjoy the spicy atmosphere with memorable service from Vegas cocktail girls while you escape for a legendary drinking and dining experience.



Opening Soon



Thai Lemon Grass Restaurant

Drayton McLane to speak at next WBA luncheon

Astros Chairman and CEO Drayton McLane is slated to speak at the next Webster Business Alliance (WBA), set for Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Webster Civic Center.

The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with networking. At 11:30 a.m., attendees will be treated to lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse, followed by dessert from Marble Slab. The program, featuring

Drayton McLane, is scheduled to begin at 12 p.m., and will be followed by presentations from spotlight businesses Main Event Entertainment and World Market. The event is free and open to Webster's commercial constituents, although reservations are required.

The WBA, an initiative of the Webster Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), was created to forge strong

bonds between the City and its business community. The WBA has become renowned for its famous keynote speakers, such as Kinky Friedman, Racehorse Haynes, Leslie Alexander, Houston Dynamo President Oliver Luck and Team Captain Wade Barrett.

For more information or to RSVP, call Karen Coglianese at 281-316-4135 or kcoglianese@cityofwebster.com.

City of Webster offers exciting summer activities

The City of Webster's Sizzlin' Hot Summer Day Camp Program for 2008 will feature four, two-week sessions or "missions" for youth ages 6 to 12 years. These sessions will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Typical days will start off at Texas Avenue Park with group activities, continue with lunch, and conclude with swimming at the League City swimming pool. Activities include arts and crafts, computer lab, cooking, crabbing, games, salt grass science program, skating, and sports that will take place at Texas Avenue Park, as well as Webster's Recreation Building, Civic Center, and League City's Swimming Pool. Other activities are planned at the Recreation Building in the case of inclement weather.

Registration per session for residents is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child, for non-residents it is \$80 for the first child and \$60 for each additional child. Registration is open to residents only through April 30, and all others may register beginning May 2. Refer to the side story for dates and specifics for each mission.

Swimming Pool

In the past, summer programs included many events held at Webster's swimming pool. Effective immediately, the swimming pool has been closed. The area will be used for additional green space and parking for the Civic Center complex. Through a partnership with League City, those taking part in the 2008 summer missions will enjoy swimming at the League City pool.

2008 Missions

Gemini

June 16-June 27

Field Trip: Houston Zoo



Viking

July 7-July 18

Field Trip: Space Center Houston

Explorer

July 21-Aug. 1

Field Trip: Minute Maid Park



Apollo

Aug. 4-Aug. 15

Field Trip: Kemah Boardwalk

Date set for first Pet Health Safety Day

A Pet Health Safety Day will be held May 3 from 9 a.m.-noon at the City of Webster Recreation Building located at 311 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The event will feature a variety of pet resource providers with information about their services, general pet care, and health issues. The City of Webster's Animal Control Division will be on hand with information about its objectives and procedures, and a veterinarian will be providing vaccinations at a reduced rate of \$12.90.

Webster requires annual registration for dogs and cats at a normal fee of \$10. If pets are registered at the Health Safety Day, the registration fee will be waived. Proof of vaccination is required to register pets. Upon registration, animals will be issued a City identification tag. The City requires pets to be properly tagged, such as the City license and the rabies tag issued by a licensed veterinarian. These items are not only required but also help in reuniting lost animals with their owners.

For more information on the Pet Health Safety Day, or to contact animal control services, call 281.316.3700 or visit the Public Works Service Center at 855 Magnolia. The Center's hours of operation are 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Friday.

Animal shelter receives much needed renovation

For many years, the City of Webster's animal shelter consisted of only a concrete foundation surrounded by a picket fence and a metal roof. An underlying problem with the structure was a sizable gap between the top of the fence and the bottom of the roof. While the shelter provided satisfactory protection from the rain, the facility did little to protect animals from temperature extremes, which necessitated bringing animals into other buildings at the Public Works facility during inclement weather. While this practice worked as a temporary solution, it was unsanitary. Therefore, renovations were initiated to address these issues.

City staff removed the wood fence leaving only the foundation and roof in place. Structural walls were built to tie the foundation and roof together. To help with temperature control, the walls were sealed and insulated, and heating and cooling systems were installed. A steel double door was hung in place of the existing fence gate to provide a secure enclosure at all times.

"As the project progressed, staff demonstrated outstanding teamwork and innovation as they worked through problems that arose. Our citizens will be better served and certainly more appreciative of our facilities should their animals be held in the shelter," Public Works Superintendent John Warnement commented.

All of the renovations were done in-house by City staff resulting in significant savings.



The new facility protects animals from inclement weather.

Yards of the month

March



Residential

Clara Dearborn & Gerta Burghardt
503 Packer Court



Commercial

Fidelis Realty Partners
Baybrook Square

City works with provider to improve trash pickup

Republic Waste Services provides trash pickup for the City of Webster. In an effort to continually improve services, Staff recently addressed some concerns with the trash service provider.

Beginning immediately, Republic will conduct spot checks with additional supervisors to ensure that trash receptacles are returned to the proper locations. Commercial routes that bor-

der residential areas will be re-assigned to a later pick-up time to avoid creating a disturbance during early morning hours. Also, customers can expect to receive an informational pamphlet outlining the type of trash collected on each pickup day, as well as instructions on the proper procedures for filing complaints.

To file a complaint or for additional

information, residents should contact Republic Waste Services at 281.446.2030. Representatives are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. Complaints can also be submitted by visiting the Customer Service section of Republic Waste Services' website at www.republicservices.com.

Citizens encouraged to keep storm drains, waterways clean

The Texas Gulf Coast averages more than 50 inches of rain per year. It is important that there is somewhere for rainwater to go. Storm drains are an essential part of the water system that carries rainwater away from homes during storms. This untreated water, along with anything else put down the drains, goes directly into waterways and ultimately into Galveston Bay.

It's very important that everyone help prevent contaminants and foreign items, such as grass clippings, paint, pet waste, pesticides, paper cups, or any other type of garbage from flowing into storm drains.

Intentionally putting contaminants down storm drains is dangerous to the environment and illegal. Pollution costs everyone, and there are fines, including individual fines of \$1,000 to \$50,000 and corporate fines of \$1,000 to \$250,000 for hazardous waste dump-

Helpful tips to keep storm drains clear and waterways clean

Bag it and don't blow it.

Spring brings new life to landscaping and increased mowing, but don't fall into the habit of putting grass clippings down the storm drain or along side the curb after mowing. These habits will only result in backed up water and pollution in our waterways.

Paint and water do not mix.

Yes, it's a great time of the year to spruce up homes, but don't paint the town or our waterways. CAN the idea of throwing paint, chemicals or other hazardous wastes down storm drains.

Don't waste waterways.

Pet waste contains a lot of bacteria that can con-

taminate waterways. Pick up your pet waste and dispose of it properly and do not put it down storm drains.

CAN the motor oil.

Never put motor oil into the storm drain or in the gutter. That motor oil will be carried directly into Galveston Bay and kill our marine life.

Don't flood us with garbage.

Soft drink cups, paper bags, food wrappers and other trash can clog storm drains and cause rainwater to back up into streets. Properly dispose of all trash and don't trash storm drains and surrounding properties.

ing; fines of \$1,000 to \$50,000 for used oil dumping; fines up to \$100,000 for water pollution; and individual fines of \$500,000 and corporate fines of \$250,000 for endangerment criminal offenses. Refer to the Texas Water Code

for details on these fines.

For additional information, visit www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org, or contact the City of Webster Code Enforcement Officer Susan Raeihle by calling 281.316.4106

Faces behind the city

Because of tremendous visibility afforded by a centralized location, the City of Webster is dedicated to preserving a clean and maintained image through code enforcement. Taking on the monumental task of upholding standards set by the City is Code Enforcement Officer Susan Raeihle.

For 15 years, residents and commercial owners have come to know Susan for her tough, yet fair and consistent, enforcement of City codes. She is dedicated to protecting the public safety, health, and general welfare of the community through the enforcement of minimum standards, regulations, and safeguards.

Each day, Susan enjoys helping the community to resolve problems through education on code enforcement issues. She believes that communication is a key component to solving dilemmas and feels that every situation can be a win-win for all parties involved.

Prior to joining Webster, Susan had been employed with two other municipalities over a span of 15 years. Being exposed to larger municipalities in the past has made her



enjoy working in the small city atmosphere that is present in Webster. This allows everyone to know each other and create a closer bond. She also takes pleasure in working on committees for the City of Webster's 4th of July Celebration, Annual Employee Christmas Party, and Personnel Policy Directives.

Susan looks forward to learning the new code enforcement software

package that was recently purchased by the City, which will help her be even more effective and efficient with her duties and responsibilities. As a registered and certified code enforcement officer, Susan believes in continuing personal and professional growth. She attends conferences and training sessions, and maintains memberships in numerous professional organizations.

While away from Webster, Susan and her husband of 20 years, Scott, enjoy traveling, spending time with family, sailing, and reading. They are currently renovating their home that they share with their three dogs. Susan also volunteers a lot of her time looking after and caring for senior citizens.

STEP grant used to fund traffic law enforcement

The Webster Police Department is currently participating in the third year of a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. The department has been allocated \$39,600 to offset the cost of overtime for

officers focusing on the following traffic related issues:

- Speed limit compliance in select locations in the city, such as West Bay Area Boulevard, the north and south bound feeder roads of Interstate 45, and Egret Bay Boulevard.
- Compliance with intersection traffic control devices such as red lights, stop signs, and no turn signs.
- Safety belt compliance for children and adults.
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) enforcement.

Texas leads the nation in the number of DWI fatalities and Harris County leads the State of Texas. The Webster Police Department is firmly committed to detecting and apprehending impaired drivers. The City of Webster is

pleased to be an entertainment and dining destination, but the police department has a zero tolerance stance on intoxicated drivers.

The STEP grant also allows the department to conduct public education events and to distribute educational materials. Officers are available to speak at community events, school functions, or other special events. The ultimate goal of the STEP grant is to increase public safety and to reduce the number of traffic collisions. For information, contact grant administrator Sergeant Pete Bacon at 281.316.4154 or traffic division supervisor Sergeant Richard Horbach at 281.316.4165.

Crime statistics

January 2008 - February 2008



**Webster
Police
Department**



Category	Jan	Feb
Assault	21	14
Burglary	3	3
Homicide	1	0
Robbery	0	0
Rape	1	2
Stolen Vehicle	5	9
Theft	49	46
Totals	80	74
Accidents	115	90
Calls for Service	2,045	2,051

Police Department to host open house

An Open House will be hosted by the Telecommunications Operators on May 3, 2008, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Webster Police Department.

Citizens are invited to gain knowledge about what happens when they call for help by touring the Communications Center and receiving information from the 9-1-1 booth. This will also be a great opportunity to learn about gun safety, ID theft, residential alarms, and have children finger printed.

A patrol car, fire truck, and ambulance will be on-site for tours, and car seat technicians will be providing car seat installation demonstrations. Refreshments will be provided by the Webster Citizen's Police Academy Alumni.

For additional information, call 281.332.2426, ext. 5.

Public meeting notes

Dec. 4, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

* Held a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to regulate area and security lighting.

* Approved second reading of an ordinance providing for the ad valorem taxation of tangible personal property in transit or "Super Freeport" goods. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

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

* Approved second 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. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

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

* Approved and authorized Mayor to execute an agreement to participate in the Advertising/Marketing Program with Space Center Houston. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved Wells Fargo as depository for City funds for the three-year period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010, with a provision for an extension of two additional one-year terms. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved first reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy, Discipline and Dismissal. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved authorizing the issuance of City of Webster Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved purchase of one (1) 2008 Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Engine from Martin Apparatus, Inc. and associated equipment. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved to accept the completion of IH-45 South of NASA Parkway Lift Station Improvements Projects and release the retainage to R&B Group, Inc. in the amount of \$24,816.13. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning District Regulations to regulate area and security lighting. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved Staff's recommendation to maintain the current sign ordinance regarding a request from Chandler Signs to amend the City's sign ordinance for Frost Bank. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved and authorized Mayor to execute an Interagency Agreement with Harris County to construct sidewalks along Bay Area Boulevard. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved the purchase of computer hardware and software for the centralized data storage solution. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved purchase of a replacement audio/video recording system for the Police Department. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved Mayor and City Council's annual cost of living stipend increase. (For: Rogers,

Ellis, Gaines, Villagomez. Against: Waltz)

* Approved the minutes of November 20, 2007. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Villagomez. Against: Waltz)

Jan. 8, 2008 Special Council Meeting

* Approved going into executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved closing the executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* There was no action.

Jan. 12, 2008 Special Council Meeting

* Approved going into executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved closing the executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* There was no action.

Jan. 15, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

* Police Chief Ray Smiley made a presentation thanking the Webster Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.

* Approved second reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy, Discipline and Dismissal. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez. Against: Myers)

* Approved second reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning District Regulations to regulate area and security lighting. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved acceptance of the September 30, 2007 Quarterly Investment Report. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved a resolution of the City Council to participate in a local government purchasing cooperative program. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved withdrawal of an award of fiber optic installation contract and de-obligate the City in performance. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved withdrawal of an award of audio/video recording system contract and de-obligate the City in performance. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved acceptance of an access easement for the Lift Station at 801 E. NASA Parkway. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved the payment of \$1,139,886 to the City of Houston for the Beamer Road water line and the rehabilitation of the existing Southeast Water Purification Plant. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved the purchase of 25 SCOTT EZ Radiocom II Radio/SCBA interfaces from Municipal Emergency Services, INC. (MES) for the Fire Department. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved authorization of Staff to donate surplus property (Firefighting Protective Clothing) to the Texas Helping Hands Program. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved the purchase of 12 Motorola XTL 5000 700/800 MHz remote mount mobile radios for the Webster Fire Department through Motorola which is an HGAC contractor. (For:

Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved a resolution declaring March 17-21, 2008 and September 29-October 3, 2008 as "Webster Clean Up Weeks," offering and agreeing to haul all disposable articles from residents free of charge. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved a resolution establishing a policy regarding disposition of surplus duty weapons for the Webster Police Department. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved appointment of a representative of the governmental body to the Board of Trustees of the Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund S.B. 411 of Webster, Texas for a term ending January 1, 2010. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved setting a date for a workshop regarding celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Webster. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved acceptance of the resignation of Jamie Galloway as Interim City Manager of the City of Webster effective February 8, 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved going into executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved closing the executive session. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Wayne Sabo. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2007. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

Feb. 5, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

* Mayor Donna Rogers presented a proclamation to Shriners Hospital proclaiming February 12, 2008, in Webster, as "IHOP's National Pancake Day"

* Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Authorized the Mayor to execute a Contract for Professional Services with Clark Condon Associates for the Webster Space Walk in the amount of \$28,560. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Compensation of the Personnel Policy. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 86, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Directed Staff to proceed with an ordinance regarding dangerous dogs including Council's recommendations. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved a resolution amending the ordinance of the Webster Recreation Building and the Civic Center Lecture Room located at 311 Pennsylvania. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approve a resolution amending the schedule fees and charges for the Recreation Building and the Civic Center Lecture Room. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Postponed discussion regarding a resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges of Planning and Zoning Fees and Costs. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved a resolution providing a General Election and Special Election be held on May 10, 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

* Approved the minutes of the special meeting of January 8, 2008, special meeting of January 12, 2008, and regular meeting of January 15, 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Waltz, Villagomez)

Feb. 19, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

* Held a public hearing to establish a Residential Permit Parking District along the north side of Greene Street.

* Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Compensation of the Personnel Policy. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez. Against: Myers)

* Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 86, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved postponing a decision on a Residential Permit Parking District along the north side of Greene Street. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Received a presentation regarding Commuter Rail by The Goodman Corporation.

* Approved first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved waiving the \$10 pet registration fees during the City's Animal Control event, Pet Health Day, on May 3, 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved the sale of four (4) surplus Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs) to the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corp (CLEMC). (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Accepted the 2007 Racial Profiling Report. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved a contract between the City of Webster and Phonoscope Communications, Inc. to provide fiber optic connectivity to Fire Stations 1 and 2 for a five-year period. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Villagomez. Against: Waltz; Abstain: Myers)

* Approved purchase of a replacement audio/video recording system for the Police Department (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved appointment of Donna Rogers Chairman of the Board of Directors of the City of Webster Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) for term ending January 1, 2009. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Held an executive session for consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation. No action was taken. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers)

* Approved the minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 2008, and the regular meeting of February 5, 2008. (For: Rogers, Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Villagomez, Myers). Myers abstained from approving minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2008 due to his absence.



City of Webster City Council



Donna Rogers
Mayor



Melvin Ellis
Council Position 1



Beverly Gaines
Council Position 2

Vacant
Council Position 3



Steve Waltz
Council Position 4



Carlos Villagomez
Council Position 5



Floyd Myers
Council Position 6

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: Vacant	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 and Tourism	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	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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