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Calendar of Events

December

2	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
3	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
5	6 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting – Texas Avenue Park
9	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
12	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
16	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting (if called)
17	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)

January

6	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
9	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
13	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
20	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
21	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
23	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

February

3	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
4	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
6	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
10	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
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publish community news that impacts
the constituency of Webster.

A Message From the City Manager

As the City of Webster enters into a new fiscal year, the Mayor and Council have adopted a very conservative approach to the City budget. Given the downturn in the economy, the uncertain financial stability of some businesses, and the continuing road construction throughout the City, the revenue stream from sales tax that Webster has enjoyed over the past several years has exhibited signs of a significant decrease. With City Staff projecting this decline, City Council made clear that the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget support both the maintenance and enhancement of the City's general welfare, as we continue to provide the high level of service that citizens rightfully expect.

The good news is that Webster's financial stability and traditional guardianship demonstrated by City Council have resulted in a healthy fund balance for the City's General Fund. While this fund balance was impacted by the unexpected expenditures related to the recovery from Hurricane Ike, the budget adopted by Council reflects the priorities set to ensure enhancement of City services. Additionally, Webster experienced a 23% increase in new developmental value largely due to a very active commercial recruitment program and economic development initiatives. This increased

value added a much needed revenue supplement to the decrease in sales tax and actually allowed the Council to reduce the City's tax rate from 24.8 cents per \$100 valuation to 20.6 cents for the current fiscal year while maintaining traditional services to citizens.

increases, over \$38,000 was added to the Fire Department budget for life/safety equipment, along with a new fire truck



Wayne Sabo

- Adopted an ultra-low property tax rate of .2060 per \$100 valuation
- Began a Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project
- Won a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Excellence in Financial Reporting Award
- Purchased new public safety vehicles (police and fire) in alignment with Council's Vehicle Replacement Program
- Graduated three new Fire Inspectors
- Built new infrastructure, including Rice Creek Lane, Water Street, Orchard and Live Oak Extensions
- Fostered a business-friendly, high-performance plan review team who processes plans within two weeks, on average
- Issued permits for construction valued at \$55,000,000 during fiscal year 2007-2008
- Finalized Comprehensive Plan Update and NASA Parkway Corridor Plan
- Became the first city within Houston MSA to adopt Green Commercial Building Tax Abatement Program
- Won Public/Private Partnership Award with Space Center Houston for tourism program
- Received accolades for extensive participation in Texas Municipal Court Clerks Certification Program

Webster: Linked To The Future With Recent Accomplishments

Webster is a very unique City with a permanent population of just over 9,000 by night and more than 100,000 during the day. The City Staff is dedicated and tailored to meet this challenge and continually looks for ways to improve services while returning value to taxpayers. While most departmental budgets decreased, remained flat, or incurred marginal

that will replace a 1979 engine in January 2009. One enhancement to the Police Department included the addition of a K-9 drug dog to assist in the war on drug trafficking. A wellness program for employees was funded in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles and reduce health care costs. For those of you who enjoy the City's special events, such as the July 4th Celebration and the various holiday and seasonal programs, the Celebration Committee and City Staff are committed to maintaining the high standards that are the hallmarks of Webster.

As a leader among cities, Webster

is committed to its guiding principles of high performance, success through partnerships, effective and efficient policies, and strategic planning. Webster is a great municipality where City Staff truly appreciate the opportunity to serve. Our pledge to our constituency is that we will never cease in our efforts to improve Webster's health, safety, and welfare.

Reaching New Horizons



from left: Dr. Betsy Giusto, Economic Development Director, City of Webster; Roger Bornstein, Director of Marketing and Corporate Sponsorships, Space Center Houston; Karen Coglianesse, Economic Development Specialist, City of Webster

City of Webster and Space Center Houston Achieve Award-Winning International Economic Development Public-Private Partnership

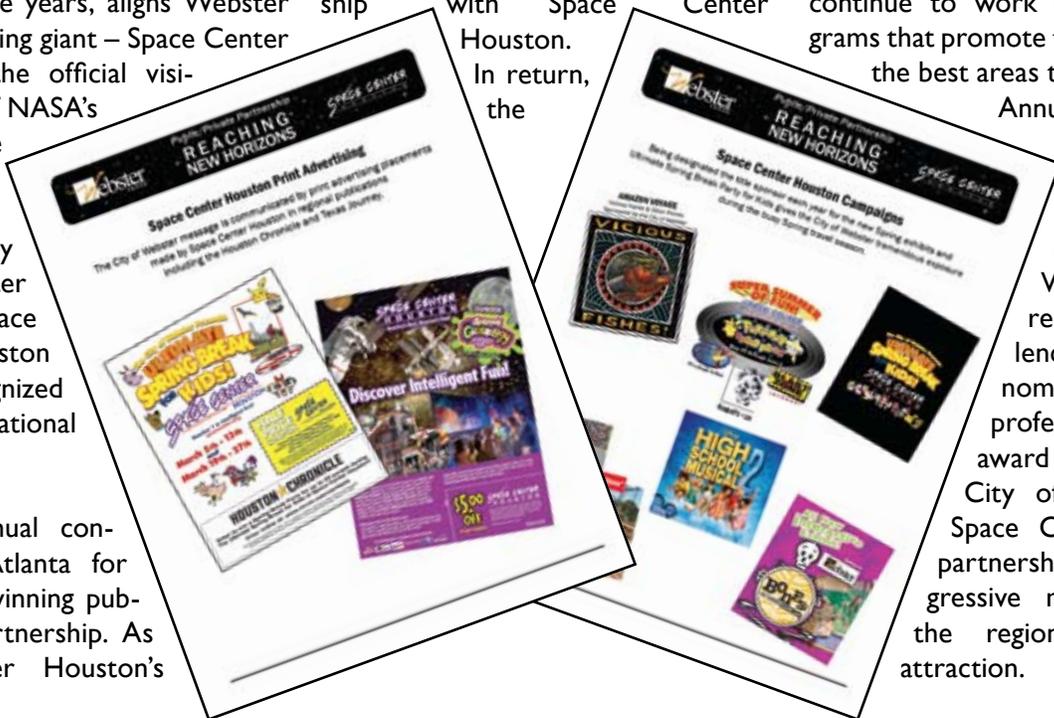
For the City of Webster, an exclusive partnership with Space Center Houston, the top tourist attraction in Houston, is an economic boon that positions the municipality in the tourism arena. This remarkable public-private partnership, which has spanned seven consecutive years, aligns Webster with a marketing giant – Space Center Houston – the official visitors center of NASA’s Johnson Space Center.

Just recently, the City of Webster and Space Center Houston were recognized at International Economic Development Council’s annual conference in Atlanta for their award-winning public-private partnership. As Space Center Houston’s

sole municipal partner, Webster enjoys tremendous exposure year-around since Space Center Houston promotes Webster’s hotels on its website, brochures, rack cards, facility maps, coupons, and collateral.

Webster utilizes hotel occupancy tax revenue – a special revenue fund with stringent statutory requirements that must enhance tourism and the hotel industry – to fund its partnership with Space Center

Houston. In return, the



partnership accounts for 40% of Webster’s hotel occupancy, serves as a catalyst for new hotel growth, augments restaurant, retail, and entertainment sales, and markets the City on a worldwide scale. The City’s return on its investment is priceless, as Webster is aligned with Space Center Houston’s Fortune 500 partners, like Pepsi, Southwest Airlines, and McDonald’s, as well as pop culture icons, such as Jonas Brothers, Pokemon, Spider Man, The Incredible Hulk, Disney’s High School Musical, and Star Wars.

While Webster is renowned as the medical center of the south, the aerospace capital of the southwest, and the retail, dining, and entertainment capital of Bay Area Houston, the partnership with Space Center Houston positions Webster in the tourism arena, which translates into an excellent mode of infusing new dollars from outside the region into Webster.

Richard Allen, President and CEO, Space Center Houston stated, “It’s a real honor to share this prestigious international award with our friends from Webster, and together we will continue to work on building programs that promote this area as one of the best areas to visit in Texas.”

Annually, International Economic Development Council, headquartered in Washington, DC, recognizes excellence in the economic development profession through its award program. The City of Webster’s and Space Center Houston’s partnership merges a progressive municipality with the region’s top tourist attraction.

New Fire Engine is Made-to-Order



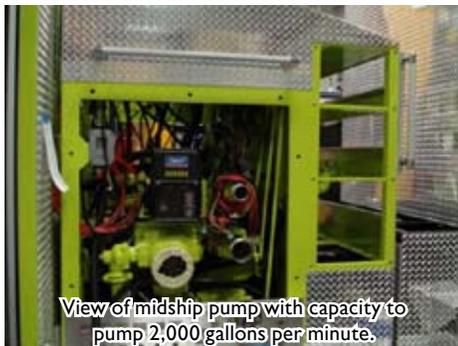
Newly painted cab of Pumper features doors that are customized for height.



Front view of cab and chassis



Interior cab with radios, braking system, instrumentation, and diagnostic center



View of midship pump with capacity to pump 2,000 gallons per minute.



High-Tech pump controls and instrumentation

As the central business district of Clear Lake, the City of Webster must have the fire apparatus needed to keep pace with its growing community. After many months of planning and budgeting for a new Pumper truck, Webster's customized truck will be ready for action in January 2009, as it replaces a 1979 American La France engine.

Webster's new fire engine was designed with two primary tenets: fire fighter safety and quick access to tools and equipment. Webster's Fire Department specified the precise location for equipment, such as the hoses, hose bed, crosslays, on-board generators, and rescue tools. The process from plans to budget to approval to design to fabrication for this new fire truck began in September 2007, followed by Council's approval in December 2007. During early 2008, the fire truck was designed, and in October 2008, construction commenced. Currently, Pierce Manufacturing, a builder of custom bodies for trucks since 1913, is fabricating Webster's Pumper truck.

Webster's new fire truck capitalizes on modern advancements in capacity and technology, as it will pump 2,000 gallons of water per minute and carry 500 gallons on board. Additionally, the truck is equipped with a thermal imaging camera, which allows firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers. The \$500,000 fire truck will feature a mobile data computer and compressed air foam system, which enable firefighters to deliver fire retardant foam to extinguish fires and flammable liquid spills, as well as protect adjacent areas and structures. Heavy rescue equipment, including the Jaws of Life, will complement the advanced fire-fighting tools and accoutrements.

Very soon, the new fire engine will be completed and thoroughly examined wire by wire, nut by nut, driven, operated, tested, and, finally, accepted by Webster's Fire Department.

Webster's Academy Sports & Outdoors Hosts NASCAR Night



Ryan Gifford signs autographs for fans.

Texas' largest Academy Sports & Outdoors teamed up with America's top spectator sport on October 11, 2008, to celebrate NASCAR Night, complete with truck-mounted jumbo-tron TV for watching Jeff Gordon drive to victory in the Bank of America 500, Shell Development Driver Ryan Gifford's signing autographs, and opportunities to participate in the Pit Crew Challenge and Racing Simulator, amid music, contests, racing giveaways, and refreshments.

As one of the nation's largest sporting goods retailers, operating over 100 stores in the southeastern United States, Academy chose Webster to build its largest Texas store, encompassing over 110,000 square feet, in 2006. Academy's winning formula of low prices and large selection has propelled the company into what NASCAR would term "pole position" on the track – or the "fastest qualifier!"



Kevin Harvick's #29 Shell Pennzoil Showcar is the backdrop for NASCAR Night with Michelle Herskowitz, Shell Oil Company; Ryan Gifford, Shell Driver; Todd Fedewa, Academy Director of Promotions; and Manuel Ynfante, Academy Operations Manager

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center Keeps Pace with Burgeoning Medical Service Area Population

Top-Rated Hospital Committed to Serve Growing Region

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, providing world-class medical care on nearly 20 acres on Medical Center Boulevard, has been growing ever since its inception in 1972. From the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit expansion to The Heart & Vascular Hospital, Webster's largest employer with a staff of 1,800 is one of the top-rated hospitals in the nation year after year. With a commitment to serve a medical service area population of more than 1,500,000, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center recently opened the first Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in the region and its complementary Pediatric Emergency Department.

New Pediatric Intensive Care Unit First in the Region

Now, critically ill children from infants to 18 years of age are treated in the new Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, located on the sixth floor's south wing inside Clear Lake Regional Medical Center. This new age-specific unit, which represents the only one of its kind in the entire region, opened in August 2008. The state-of-the-art Pediatric Intensive Care Unit features ten beds, along with a highly specialized staff of experienced nurses, respiratory therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists, and physical therapists who treat critically ill babies, children, and adolescents.

Inside Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, a unique environment has been designed to provide severely ill

children with the best opportunity for recovery. Conditions that are treated in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit include respiratory problems, infections, seizures, diabetes, heart defects, metabolic disorders, and neurological disease. Dr. Gautam Malkani,



Evening View of Clear Lake Regional Medical Center and The Heart & Vascular Hospital

Board Certified Pediatric Critical Care Physician, leads the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit's group of talented, highly specialized doctors in the following fields: Cardiology, Neonatology, Emergency Care, Neurology, Infectious Disease, Ophthalmology, Genetics, and Pulmonary.

New Pediatric Emergency Department Opens November 2008

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center's response to a region that needs emergency room facilities devoted to the very young is the Pediatric Emergency Department. Located adjacent to the hospital's large Emergency Room, the Pediatric Emergency Department features a new seven-bed facility equipped with the latest technology. With a separate waiting area and specialized physicians, the Pediatric Emergency Department offers customized, top-notch care for babies and children. While Clear Lake Regional Medical Center enjoys a ranking among the top ten in Texas for overall critical care, according to HealthGrades, an

independent rating agency, the advent of the Pediatric Emergency Department will propel the hospital's ranking even higher. Since April 2002, when the hospital's Emergency Room more than doubled its capacity by accommodating 36 beds and treating an average of 45,000 patients annually within this department, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center has emerged as the largest hospital with the largest emergency room in Bay Area Houston.

The Pediatric Program at Clear Lake Regional

Medical Center, which includes the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Pediatric Emergency Department, will provide top-level service to more than 14,600 patients annually.

Neonatal Intensive Care

The largest Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the region encompasses 19,000 square feet on the third floor inside Clear Lake Regional Medical Center. Annually, over 500 of the tiniest patients are treated in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The majority of the patients are born at the Hospital, although some newborns are transferred from hospitals throughout South Texas by a special transport team. Because the environment is so sterile, once babies are released, they will not return to this Unit, although they can be treated in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Inside the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, newborns receive ultra-modern care under the expert watch of board-certified neonatologists, nurses, and staff. Clear Lake Regional Medical Center

touts a 42-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit amid a family-oriented ambiance.

Breast Diagnostic Center Goes Digital

In a concerted effort to provide more than 27,000 patients annually at the Breast Diagnostic Center with the latest technology in the diagnosis of breast disease through early detection, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center completed a \$4,000,000 renovation project at 200 Medical Center Boulevard in 2007. In addition to routine screening, diagnostic mammograms, stereotactic and ultrasound biopsy, needle localization, breast ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging, the Center provides bone density testing to diagnose osteoporosis. During the past five years, the Breast Diagnostic Center has ranked in the 98th percentile for patient satisfaction in Gallup Patient Satisfaction Surveys.

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center's New Robot Surgeon

In July 2008, the high-tech da Vinci® Surgical System arrived at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, the only hospital in the region to offer this innovative, minimally-invasive surgery designed for hysterectomies, prostatectomies, uterine fibroid removal and other operations. The da Vinci Surgical System enables these procedures to be less invasive than traditional surgeries, which translate into smaller incisions and scars, shorter hospital stays, less post-operative pain and discomfort, reduced blood loss, reduced risk of infection, and

quicker recovery times for patients. The da Vinci Surgical System provides surgeons with an alternative to both traditional open surgery and conventional laparoscopy, placing a surgeon's hands at the controls of a state-of-the-art robotic platform. This robotic system enables surgeons to perform highly complex and delicate procedures through very small incisions with precision.

The Heart & Vascular Hospital

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center opened The Heart & Vascular Hospital in April 2007 in response to providing the region with world-class excellence in cardiovascular care. In fact, The Heart & Vascular Hospital, a \$100,000,000 facility encompassing 255,000 square feet, has propelled Clear Lake Regional Medical Center into the highest ranking in Houston and within the top five percent nationally for "Overall Cardiac Services," according to HealthGrades. Additionally, within the region, this hospital is the sole recipient of "Cycle II" accreditation for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention by the Society for Chest Pain Centers.

Located at 495 Medical Center Boulevard, The Heart & Vascular Hospital is connected to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center via a skywalk. This six-story facility specializes in the prevention, detection, and treatment of cardiovascular disorders and features an emergency chest pain center, cardiovascular operating rooms, cardiac catheterization laboratories, intensive care beds, coronary care unit,

and 66 private inpatient telemetry beds.

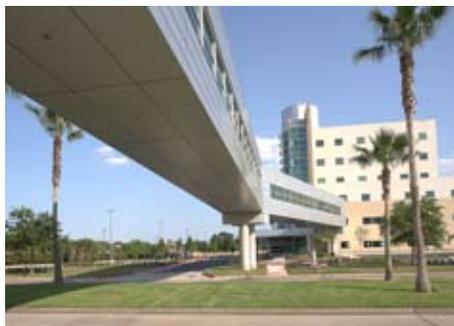
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center Makes the Grade

Year after year, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center's top honors are touted by HealthGrades, an independent healthcare research firm. According to the Tenth Annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center ranks among the top 5% in the nation for coronary interventional procedures. This Study analyzed patient outcomes at nearly all of the nation's 5,000 hospitals for three years. Additionally, the Study found that for 2008, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center ranked number one in the Houston area for overall cardiac services, ranked in the top 10% in the nation for cardiology services, rated five-stars for coronary interventional procedures, earned five-stars for treatment of heart attack, and rated five-stars for treatment of heart failure. Indeed, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center is the only hospital in the greater Houston metropolitan area to receive five stars for coronary interventions for four consecutive years. Coronary interventions include the removal of coronary artery obstructions, balloon angioplasty, and insertion of stents.

"We are proud to be recognized, once again, for the superior treatment our physicians and hospital staff provide to our patients," said Stephen K. Jones, Jr., CEO. "We resolve every day to apply this commitment to quality in all aspects of our patient care."



The Heart & Vascular Hospital Lobby

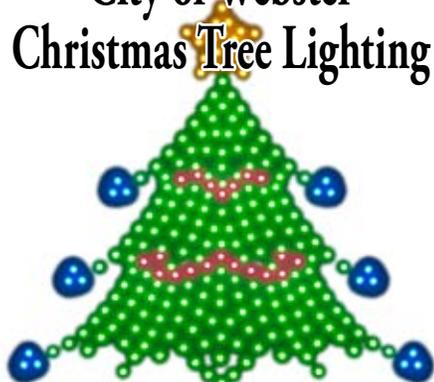


Clear Lake Regional Medical Center Skywalk



Inside View of the Skywalk

**New Location –
Texas Avenue Park
City of Webster
Christmas Tree Lighting**



The City of Webster's Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, complete with carolling, Santa Claus, and refreshments, will be held at Texas Avenue Park on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m.

Webster Invaded By Princesses & Creatures

at the annual Halloween Carnival



Avery as Fairy Princess

Fairy princesses, frogs, witches, and the Flintstones joined knights, tigers, and ghouls of every description as a cast of about 1,560 people filled the grounds of Texas Avenue Park on Halloween. The annual event, sponsored by the City of Webster, featured a haunted-fun house for those brave enough to venture inside. Inflatable attractions gave youth the opportunity



Sylvia as Hanna Montana

to expend some of their candy-fueled energy by running, jumping, and bouncing. When the costumed revelers slowed down, many could be found testing their skills on carnival games.



Inflatable Fun

Admission to the Halloween Carnival was one non-perishable food item. Food items collected benefited Bay Area Turning Point, a non-profit, community based agency, which provides a variety of services, including shelter, to victims of family violence.



Witches and Ghouls

Yards of the Month



August - Commercial
Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet
1039 W. Bay Area Blvd.



August - Residential
18615 Kings Lynn
Johnny & Marlene Herbst



October - Commercial
Bayview Plastic Surgery
300 E. Medical Center



October - Residential
215 Linda Lane
Javier Morales

Plant The Promise

"Plant the Promise" gives students, who have pledged to remain drug and alcohol free, an opportunity to help cities recover from the ravages of Hurricane Ike. The year-long initiative will plant trees and revitalize parks in cities within the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Plant the Promise is part of Red Ribbon Week activities. Red Ribbon Week is a drug awareness program organized to honor Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agent killed by drug traffickers in 1986.

The City of Webster was joined by Harris County, Clear Creek ISD, and the Cities of Seabrook, Friendswood, Kemah, and League City at the kick-off event, which was held on October 30 at Webster's Civic Center Complex.

For more information about Plant the Promise, call the Bay Area Alliance at 281-284-0370.



John Warnement, Public Works Superintendent, looks on as Webster Deputy Chief of Police, Thomas Claunch, helps kick-off the Bay Area Alliance's "Plant the Promise" Campaign.

Webster Goes Green

Webster Goes Green and is the First Municipality in the Houston MSA to Adopt Program for New, LEED Commercial Development

As entities all over the globe seek ways to build sustainable communities—those that are both environmentally and business friendly, the City of Webster is paving the way with its novel “Green Commercial Building Tax Abatement Program.” In partnership with Harris County, Webster adopted guidelines and criteria designed to foster new LEED-certified (leadership in energy and environmental design) commercial development that enables eligible projects to reap the benefits of both Harris County’s and Webster’s programs.

Webster’s green program encourages, recognizes, and rewards the development of new commercial buildings that aspire to LEED standards, which cover six major areas that include sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process. The impetus to shrink the carbon footprint of major cities and metropolitan areas through green building practices is formulated based on the fact that, in the United States, buildings are the largest emitters of carbon dioxide—48%, as compared to transportation, which accounts for 27%, or industry, which emits 25% (Kenneth Dobson, University of Toledo, October 2008).

The City of Webster, renowned as the medical center of the south, the aerospace capital of the southwest, and the retail, dining, and entertainment capital, exhibited its progressive, “green” side in September 2008, when the municipality adopted a Green Commercial Building Tax Abatement Program and authorized an agreement for Jeff Mickler’s 253 Medical Center Boulevard to be the first program recipient.



251 and 253 Medical Center Blvd. – Gold LEED facilities featuring the largest green roofs in the State of Texas

Jeff Mickler, President, Jacob White Construction, has already completed an award-winning Gold LEED medical office building at 251 Medical Center Boulevard. Indeed, this facility has received many accolades, including *Houston Business Journal’s* prestigious Green Project Landmark Award in April 2008 and Texas Rain Catcher Award in 2007 for the facility’s rain-water and harvesting systems. 251 Medical Center Boulevard features the largest green roof in the State of Texas.

Mickler’s “twin” 48,000 square foot facility, 253 Medical Center Boulevard, is underway, as it will be home to IDEV Technologies, Inc., a company celebrated for its research, design, and development of medical devices in the fields of interventional radiology, gastroenterology, vascular surgery, and cardiology.

Jacobs Lands in Galaxy II

Jacobs, one of the world’s largest and most diverse providers of advanced technical services and a leading NASA-Johnson Space Center contractor, has landed in Webster’s newest Class-A office facility – Galaxy II, located at 455 East Medical Center Boulevard. Jacobs provides space systems engineering, science, operations and maintenance, and manufacturing services for Johnson Space Center’s spacecraft and human flight systems. While Jacobs touts more than 2,000 employees in the region, Galaxy II will soon be home to a staff of 125.

Jacobs provides advanced technology services to a wide range of government and industry clients in five core competencies, including Technical Facilities Operations & Maintenance, Test Engineering & Science, Program Acquisition Engineering & Technical Support, Facility Design and Build, and Enterprise Information Systems.



Modern, aerospace-themed sculpture in Galaxy II

Senior Game Nights



Senior Game Nights are held on Friday evenings at the Recreation Building, located at 311 Pennsylvania Avenue. Seniors can enjoy a light dinner, games and conversation. Play Farkle, “42”, Phase 10, and Chicken-foot on Friday, December 12; January 9, 23; and February 6, 20 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do Classes are held at the Recreation Building, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fees for residents are \$25 per month per family within the same household. Non-Resident fees are \$50 per month per family within the same household.



For more information on these or other exciting events, contact Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137

D.A. Presents Check



Police Chief Ray Smiley and Mayor Floyd Myers accept check from Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson.

The City of Webster Police Department received an \$81,241 check from the Harris County District Attorney's office at the City Council meeting on October 7, 2008. This funding originated from a program initiated by District Attorney Kenneth Magidson.

The funds, which were seized from criminal activity and distributed among Harris County law enforcement agencies, enable the purchase of equipment that enhances the safety of police officers while carrying out their duties and aid in the capture and prosecution of criminals.

Webster Deputy Chief of Police, Thomas Claunch, stated that the funds will be used to purchase specialized computer software, digital cameras for the Criminal Investigations Division, body armor, rain jackets, a Total Station (an optical instrument used to precisely plot details in accident reconstruction), updated cameras in the Criminal Investigations Division interview rooms, a digital in-car camera system, a new radar unit, and a law enforcement bait car tracking system. The computer software will be used in conjunction with the Cities of League City, Nassau Bay, and Friendswood on a shared system.

Webster is most appreciative of this funding, as it enables the Police Department to acquire new technology and equipment.

Faces Behind The City



Richard Parkin,
Geographic Information Systems Specialist,
City of Webster

Richard Parkin knows every inch of Webster because he is the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist for the municipality. Parkin integrates hardware, software, and data to create, manage, analyze, and display geographical information.

Under Parkin's leadership and innovation, the City's spatial information is highly advanced and enables interactive searches and analyses of data and maps. Since GIS is used to find features, patterns, quantities, and densities, as well as monitor changes, it's an invaluable source of information for everyone.

Parkin excels at customizing and generating maps for myriad applications. Following Hurricane Ike, Parkin created maps that depicted property damage, power outages, and much more. His map-making expertise aided not only the City's Emergency Management Team but also entities, such as FEMA, power, cable, and communication companies.

Parkin, who has been with the City for eight years, states that his day is never mundane. His critical role requires that he conduct fieldwork and generate maps that depict a wealth of data, including utilities, sidewalks, easements, and plats. Parkin's work can be viewed throughout the City's website: www.cityofwebster.com

Parkin enjoys spending his leisure time playing ice-hockey or exploring the beautiful sites and wonders of Texas with his wife and daughter.



Rose Hamidian,
Records Manager,
City of Webster

Rose Hamidian knows that cities generate massive amounts of paperwork, including ordinances, resolutions, agreements, correspondence, invoices, maps, plats, and plans. As Records Manager, Hamidian is essential to the operations of the municipality. Not only does Hamidian organize, secure, and retain the City's records but also she conducts research, offers training, and provides copies of documents for all departments.

Hamidian is credited with developing the Records Management Manual and Records Training Program for the City of Webster. Recently, she organized and coordinated the City's inaugural Records Management Day, which was designed to scan and preserve essential documents, recycle expired, obsolete or extraneous paperwork, and alleviate paper congestion within file cabinets and storage areas. Records Management Day was so successful that the City plans to replicate this event annually.

Prior to Hurricane Ike, Hamidian, once again, played an essential role in ensuring that records for each department were stored safely and securely – which was no easy feat, given that there are many departments and many records.

Hamidian joined the City of Webster eight years ago and moved into her current position in 2005 after training in Records Management and Retention.

Rose Hamidian and Kaz, her husband of 33 years, have three daughters, a son, and a grandson.

Public Meeting Notes

July 1, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- Appointed Johanna Rinse-Blissit as the Hotelier Representative and Beverly Gaines as the Council Representative to the Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for a term expiring May 31, 2011.
- Discussed changes at the Texas Municipal Retirement System.
- Accepted completion and release of the retainage for the Installation of a 12-Inch Water Line across Hwy. 3 at NASA Parkway to Metro City Construction. (Unanimous)
- Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008. (Unanimous)

July 15, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- Sergeant Rusty Lovel was recognized for completing the Executive Leadership Program.
- Ms. Betty Johnson requested the City donate funds to McWhirter Elementary for playground equipment.
- Held a Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit request for an accessory dwelling to be located at 1428 FM 528, in the Second Commercial (C-2) district. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved a Special Use Permit request for an accessory dwelling to be located at 1428 FM 528, in the Second Commercial (C-2) district. (For: Myers, Ellis, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers. Against: Gaines)
- Received a report, held a discussion, and provided direction to Staff regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update and NASA Parkway Revitalization Plan.
- Received a report, held a discussion, and provided direction to Staff to go along with the Parks Board recommendation to seek bid without reducing the scope of the FM 270 Park. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved a resolution authorizing major medical health, dental, and vision benefits to retired employees and their dependents. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Dolan, Rogers. Abstain: Donehue)
- Approved the Webster Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Received a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for the City of Webster.
- Set a date for the City Council workshops to discuss, review, and consider Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for the City of Webster. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved holding an Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved closing the Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Confirmed the City Manager's appointment of Derhyl Hebert as the Director of Community Development. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2008. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers)

July 29, 2008, Special Council Meeting

- Held a workshop on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 City of Webster Budget.

August 5, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- Held a Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Multifamily Residential (R-2) and Planned Development (PD) district regulations. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution supporting the permanent dry berthing and preservation of the Battleship TEXAS at the San Jacinto Battleground (Unanimous)
- Approved a change order to the advance funding agreement between the City of Webster and Texas Department of Transportation. (Unanimous)
- Approved Edgewater Section Two Final Plat (Unanimous)
- Approved Edgewater Section Three Final Plat (Unanimous)
- Approved Edgewater Section Four Final Plat (Unanimous)

- Approved first reading of an ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98, Article III Zoning Regulations, Section 98-43 and Section 98-50 Planned Development. (Unanimous)
- Approved first reading of an ordinance allowing monument and kiosk ground signs in shopping centers or integrated business developments. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Dolan, Rogers. Against: Waltz)
- Approved the expenditure of \$26,660 for the renovation of the fence at Walnut Park. (Unanimous)
- Accepted the Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2008. (Unanimous)
- Approved setting the Public Hearing for September 16, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. on the City of Webster proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. (Unanimous)
- Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2008. (Unanimous)

August 19, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- Ms. Stacy King and Ms. Betty Johnson requested funding for playground equipment for McWhirter Elementary School.
- Approved second reading of an ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98, Article III Zoning Regulations, Section 98-43 and Section 98-50 Planned Development. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved second reading of an ordinance allowing monument and kiosk ground signs in shopping centers or integrated business developments. (For: Myers, Ellis, Dolan, Rogers. Against: Waltz)
- Accepted approximately 3818 LF of 10-inch force main that was installed from Edgewater Lift Station No. 1 to the City of Webster's Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorized the Mayor to execute a utility conveyance and security agreement with the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 481. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting and establishing charges for the utility services. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Appointed Floyd H. Myers, Council representative and Ed Fryday, citizen residing in Webster, to the Webster Economic Development Corporation for regular two-year terms expiring August 31, 2010. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved holding an Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved closing the Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a merit increase for the City Manager. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved minutes of the Special Meeting of July 29, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2008. (For: Myers, Ellis, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)

September 2, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- McWhirter Elementary School student thanked Mayor Myers for presenting a proclamation to the school for being a recognized school.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting and establishing charges for the utility services. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Received a report, held a discussion, and directed Staff to further research an agreement with CCISD to replace the playground equipment. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved contributing \$2,000 to Houston Symphony League Bay Area from the current Fiscal Year from the Council Contingency Fund. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a resolution adopting guidelines and criteria for granting green commercial building tax abatement in a reinvestment zone. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Waltz, Rogers. Against: Myers, Donehue)
- Approved changing the dental and life insurance provider for the City of Webster employees to Aetna. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Received a report, held a discussion, and provided direction to Staff to postpone this item regarding use of land that is vacant due to the removal of the swimming pool at the Civic Center Complex. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Rejected the bids for the FM 270 Park from bids opened on August 21,

2008. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)

- Approved a resolution supporting legislative action to protect Texas Municipalities' Sales Tax Revenue by modifying Texas Tax Code Chapter 321, Municipal Sales and Use Tax Act. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a resolution soliciting support from the Texas Municipal League for Legislative action to protect Texas Municipalities' sales tax revenue by modifying Texas Tax code Chapter 321, Municipal Sales and Use Tax Act. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Authorized the Mayor to execute an Assignment of Audit Engagement from Andersen Knox & Belt, LLP to Belt Harris & Associates, LLLP. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved reallocation of available project funding. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a resolution adopting an investment policy and authorizing the investment officers to engage in certain financial transactions on behalf of the City of Webster. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved casting a ballot for Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees, Place 1, Robert T. Herrera; Place 2, Makia Epie; Place 3, Paul Parker; and Place 4, Ricky Childers. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved holding an Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved closing the Executive Session. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved a merit increase for the City Secretary. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2008. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)

September 16, 2008, Regular Council Meeting

- Held a Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget for the City of Webster. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved ratifying the increase in total property tax revenue as reported in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget for the City of Webster, Texas. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget for the City of Webster. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved the transfer of \$550,940 in the Economic Development Initiatives Account into a project for the future construction of Rice Creek Lane, Phase 2. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Appointed Municipal Court Judge Glen M. Chaney, and Alternate Judges, David Salinsky and James Woltz for terms expiring September 30, 2010. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a new Contractual Agreement concerning Detention Facilities and Dispatch Service for the City of Nassau Bay. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved the Mayor to sign the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved a resolution designating Mayor Floyd H. Myers, Representative, and Councilmember Beverly Gaines, Alternate, to the Houston Galveston Area Council 2009 General Assembly. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Awarded the bid for a mowing contract from bids opened on June 27, 2008, to Affordable Lawn Pro. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)
- Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2008. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan)

September 30, 2008, Special Council Meeting

- Approved the first and final reading of an ordinance adopting an amendment to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. (Unanimous)

City Council

Standing – From Left

Mel Donehue
Council Position 3

Melvin Ellis
Council Position 1

Beverly Gaines
Council Position 2

Natalie Dolan
Council Position 5

Donna Rogers
Council Position 6

Steve Waltz
Council Position 4

Seated
Floyd H. Myers
Mayor



City Officials

Mayor: Floyd Myers.....	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: Mel Donehue.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 4: Steve Waltz.....	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 5: Natalie Dolan	281.332.1826
Council Position No. 6: Donna Rogers	281.332.1826

City Offices – 101 Pennsylvania Ave.

City Hall Main Switchboard.....	281.332.1826
EMERGENCY Ambulance-Fire-Police	9-1-1
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	
217 Pennsylvania Ave.....	281.332.2426
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	281.332.2711
Fire Station #1	
17100 Texas Avenue	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
Marketing 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
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

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
Poison Control (UTMB).....	800.222.1222
Texas Dept. of Public Safety (Drivers License).....	281.486.8242
U.S. Post Office, 17077 Texas Avenue	281.316.0379

Telephone & Utility Services

AT&T.....	800.464.7928
CenterPoint Energy.....	281.534.4569
Comcast.....	800.776.9993
Reliant Energy	713.207.7777
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
Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library.....	281.488.1906
Innovative Alternatives.....	832.864.6000
Interfaith Caring Ministries	281.332.3881



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