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Calendar of Events

December

1	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
2	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
8	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
11	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
16	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
24		City Offices Closed
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January

1		City Offices Closed
5	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
6	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
8	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
12	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
18		City Offices Closed
19	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
20	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
22	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night

February

2	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
3	6 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (if needed)
9	6 p.m.	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting
12	6 p.m.	Senior Game Night
16	6 p.m.	City Council Meeting
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the constituency of Webster.

Biotech Innovation inside the Medical Center of the South



SUPERA VERTITAS, a precision delivery system, is used to deploy the SUPERA stent.

Cutting-edge development is transpiring at 253 Medical Center Boulevard, as IDEV Technologies recently established its global headquarters in Webster at an award-winning green, sustainable facility inside the medical center of the south. IDEV Technologies, Incorporated, an innovator and developer of next generation medical devices for use in the interventional radiology, vascular surgery, and cardiology device marketplace, was founded in 1999 through technology licensing agreements from the MD Anderson Cancer Institute. IDEV's focus has been on developing minimally invasive, inventive products for use in the endovascular space – or in major blood vessels – and this focus is proving to be revolutionary, especially for approximately 12-20% of the aging U.S. population who are affected by peripheral artery disease.

Stent History

The term “stent,” which can be defined as a tubular device implanted



SUPERA withstands over 10,000,000 cycles of 120° bending with zero fractures, more than 100 times the flexibility of other self-expanding stents.

inside a blood vessel to keep the vessel open or a device used to hold tissue in place, was named after a British dentist in the late 1800s who formulated stable, efficient dental impression compounds. The utilization of modern-day stents evolved from problems that interventional cardiologists faced with their patients' arteries closing or collapsing after balloon angioplasty, and it wasn't until the early 1990s that a stent was approved for this purpose in the U.S. Today, stents are employed for widespread use in a variety of procedures including nasal reconstruction, gynecology, plastic surgery, and cardiac surgery.

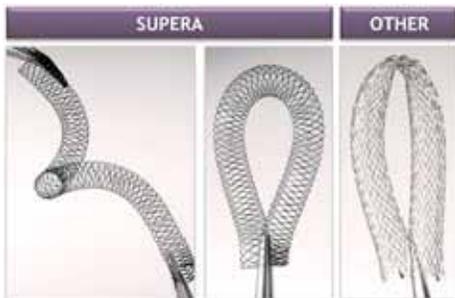
IDEV's Innovative Stent

IDEV has developed an ultra-strong, flexible stent designed to treat specific disorders. The SUPERA interwoven, self-expanding nitinol stent used to treat peripheral artery disease not only represents a monumental

leap from traditional, highly invasive surgeries but also the SUPERA stent, unlike its competition, features unmatched flexibility, durability, and memory (retains its shape and resists kinking or collapsing).

Since approximately eight million Americans age 40 and older are affected by peripheral artery disease – a circulatory complication that reduces blood flow to the limbs, IDEV realized the necessity for developing a stent with the anatomical and radial force to remain strong, flexible, and open. IDEV's SUPERA stent, which is approved for biliary use (relating to the bile-producing system – liver, gallbladder, and associated ducts) in the U.S. and Europe, as well as vascular use (relating to blood vessels) in Europe, provides unparalleled radial strength, flexibility, and resistance to fracture, due to its special elastic interwoven design.

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The SUPERA Stent offers substantial radial strength with unmatched flexibility, durability, and high resistance to kinking, crushing, or fracture.



IDEV Technologies' innovative and highly differentiated products are created at its global headquarters in Webster.

Timeline of IDEV's Product Development

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 & beyond
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began development of interwoven nitinol stent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved for use in Europe and United States First human use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated controlled market release in Europe Delivery system redesigned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched SUPERA in United States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated SUPERA IDE trial Launched device with improved ratchet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of SUPERA VERTITAS delivery system Development of SUPERA for additional applications

IDEV's Innovative Delivery System

As an accompaniment to the SUPERA stent, IDEV has developed a next-generation delivery system – the SUPERA VERTITAS – which is ergonomically advanced, efficient, and precise. Together, the SUPERA stent and the SUPERA VERTITAS bring innovative, invaluable development to medicine.

Webster Goes Green

Whereas IDEV Technologies brings phenomenal innovation to the field of medicine, this company's research and development is transpiring in

a facility that, too, is highly innovative and transformative. Indeed, 253 Medical Center Boulevard, like its twin located at 251 Medical Center Boulevard, is a Gold-LEED-certified 48,000 square foot edifice that features the largest living roof in the State of Texas, incorporates the very latest sustainability features, and continues to collect awards for the City of Webster. Accolades proliferate for the municipality's Green Commercial Building Tax Abatement Program of which IDEV Technologies is the first program recipient's resident.

Recently, Webster's program was

displayed at both the National League of Cities' "City Showcase" and the International Economic Development Council's "Excellence in Economic Development Awards," as well as chosen for the subject of an article by the international organization's quarterly journal.



251 Medical Center Blvd. & 253 Medical Center Blvd. (home of IDEV) sport the largest living roofs in Texas.

City of Webster – General Election for City Officers

The City of Webster, Texas, will hold a General Election for City Officers on May 8, 2010. At this time, Council Positions No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5. will be on the May ballot. Current office holders respectively are Mel Donehue, Steve Waltz, and Natalie Dolan. Election packets for interested candidates will be available in the office of the City Secretary.

Important dates are as follows:

- **Feb. 6** First day to file an application for a place on the ballot. (cannot file until the Election is called by Council)
- **Mar. 8** Last day to file for a place on the ballot for the General Election, 5 p.m.

- **Mar. 9** First day to apply for a mail ballot.
- **Mar. 9** Drawing for order of names on ballot 4 p.m.
- **Mar. 15** Last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy, 5 p.m.
- **Mar. 16** Deadline for candidate to withdraw from an election, 5 p.m.
- **Apr. 8** Last day to submit voter registration application for May Election.
- **Apr. 23** Last day to request an application for mail ballot in person.
- **Apr. 26** First day of early voting by personal appearance.
- **Apr. 30** Last day to receive an application by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail.
- **May 4** Last day of early voting by personal appearance.

- **May 8** ELECTION DAY 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **May 18** Canvass of Election at a Council Meeting. (Date may change.)

The Early Voting polling place will be in City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, in the City Secretary's office. Voting on Election Day will be in the City Hall Lobby, 101 Pennsylvania. A voting device to assist disabled voters will be available during early voting and on Election Day.

For information or questions regarding the City Election process, please contact the City Secretary's office, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, 281.332.1826.

Elección General de Oficiales de la Ciudad de Webster de 2009

La Ciudad de Webster, Texas, celebrará una Elección General para Oficiales de la Ciudad el 8 de mayo de 2010. A este tiempo, Los Posiciones para Concejal Núm. 3, Núm. 4, y Núm. 5 aparecerán en la boleta de mayo. Los oficiales que actualmente ocupan las posiciones son respectivamente Mel Donehue, Steve Waltz, y Natalie Dolan. Los documentos de elección para candidatos interesados estarán disponibles en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad.

Las fechas importantes son las siguientes:

- **feb. 6** Primer día para someter una solicitud para una posición en la boleta. (No se puede someter la solicitud para una posición en la boleta hasta que la Elección haya sido ordenada por el Consejo.)
- **mar. 8** Último día para someter una solicitud

- para una posición en la boleta para la Elección General, 5 p.m.
- **mar. 9** Primer día para solicitar una boleta por correo.
- **mar. 9** Sorteo para determinar el orden en que los nombres aparecerán en la boleta, 4 p.m.
- **mar. 15** Último día para que un candidato por inserción escrita declare su candidatura, 5 p.m.
- **mar. 16** Fecha plazo para que un candidato retire su candidatura de la elección, 5 p.m.
- **abr. 8** Último día para someter una solicitud para registro de votación para la Elección en mayo.
- **abr. 23** Último día para solicitar personalmente una aplicación para votar por correo.
- **abr. 26** Primer día para la votación temprana en persona.
- **abr. 30** Último día para recibir por correo una solicitud para votar por correo.
- **mayo 4** Último día para una votación anticipada en persona.

- **mayo 8** DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **mayo 18** Escrutinio de la Elección en una reunión del Consejo de la Ciudad. (La fecha podrá cambiar.)

El Lugar de la Votación Adelantada será en la Alcaldía, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad. La votación el Día de la Elección será en el Vestibulo de la Alcaldía, 101 Pennsylvania. Habrá un aparato especial de votación para asistir a votantes impedidos durante la Votación Adelantada y el Día de la Elección. Para información o preguntas relacionadas con el proceso Electoral de la Ciudad, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, 281.332.1826.



Dining Destination



There are many delicious reasons why Webster stands out as the region's dining destination. For a small city in terms of its square miles – just 6.7 – Webster's 100 dining choices make the City a giant for its array of fine dining, fast-casual, and quick serve offerings, as well as those featured in conjunction with entertainment. Practically every type of cuisine is represented in Webster – from Italian to Seafood to Japanese to Mexican to Mongolian to American – so diners have virtually unlimited choices, which is very important to a super-regional population and visitor market who eat out regularly and depend on the City's extensive restaurants.

While statistics vary for the number of times Americans consume meals in commercial settings on a weekly basis – perhaps one out of every five meals – the trend to dine out has escalated. Many factors contribute to the practice of frequenting restaurants, such as enjoyment of tasty cuisine, social interaction, and convenience.

Dining out is a pleasurable (and, arguably, necessary) activity that both counters and complements the rigors and fast pace of societal demands. Certainly, the restaurant industry is mammoth. According to National Restaurant Association's 2009 statistics, restaurant sales approach \$566 billion (representing 4% of the U.S. gross domestic product), and restaurants employ 13 million (representing 9% of the U.S. workforce).

Dining out in Webster, most definitely, attracts the 45% of adults who contend that restaurants are an essential part of their lifestyle (according to National Restaurant Association's data). A view of Webster's offerings illustrates the attraction – Webster features the entire range from the exotic to the "regular," although genres or types of cuisine have melded. Certainly, Webster offers barbecue, Cajun, Chinese, French, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Latin American, Mexican, and the like – but Webster also offers "Classic American,"

"New American," "New Southwestern," seafood, pizzas, ribs, hamburgers, steaks, and subs. The categories or genres of cuisine have amalgamated; sushi, Belgian waffles, Greek salad, and quesadillas are as prevalent as lasagna, chicken fried steak, and cheeseburgers.

The noun "restaurant," as well as the term for the establishment's operator, "restaurateur," is derived from the French verb "restaurer," which means "to restore." Just as the rich, flavorful soup served by a Parisian soup-seller within a public setting generated the term in the 16th century, certainly, restaurants, then and today, aim to refuel, replenish, and restore energy while delighting the palate, like the medieval soup. While the origin of restaurants in the Western world dates back to medieval France, in the Far East, restaurants were in existence in the 10th century. The first restaurant in the United States was Boston's Jullien's Restarator



Top Ranked in Company's Chain

- Berryhill Baja Grill & Cantina – number one in Texas
- Buffalo Wild Wings – top performer in region
- Carrabba's Italian Grill – number one in the entire State of Texas
- Chipotle – number two in Houston area in quality and service
- Cheddar's Casual Café – number two out of 70 stores nationwide
- Café Express – number one in Texas
- Genghis Grill – among top ten in the nation
- Hooter's – among top ten in the world
- Jason's Deli – ranked second "healthiest restaurant in nation"
- La Madeleine French Bakery – top location in nation
- Las Haciendas – top performer among all Houston-area locations
- Lenny's Subs – among top three in the Houston area
- Lupe Tortilla – within top three in chain
- Main Event Entertainment – number one location in the company
- Mamacita's – top Houston-area location
- McAlister's Deli – number one in the chain
- Mooyah Burgers – number one in southeast Texas
- Outback Steakhouse – among top five in Texas
- Pappas Bar-B-Q – third highest sales among all locations
- Pappas Seafood – fourth busiest in concept
- Pappasito's Cantina – second busiest in chain
- Salt Grass Steak House – among top four in region
- Zio's Italian Kitchen – top performer in Texas

Webster's Restaurants ROCK!





in 1794.

Webster's wide variety of restaurants features traditional fare and new trends. Some of the City's defining dishes include Italian favorites, like Angelo's Lasagna and Chicken Parmesan, Zio's Shrimp Limone and Spicy Chicken Alfredo, Carrabba's Chicken Marsala, Grilled Salmon, and Rigatoni Martino, or Frenchie's Chicken Crepes, Seafood Pasta, and Gnocchi.

For Mexican cuisine, rave reviews belong to Lupe Tortilla's Tacos al Carbon, Pappasito's Fajitas, Las Haciendas' Enchiladas, Mamacita's Chile Rellenos, and Berryhill Baja Grill's Fish Tacos. For fast casual "hip" offerings creatively adapted from a mixture of traditions, Chipotle and Freebirds are custom builders of burritos, tacos, and salads.

Great food, camaraderie, and sports coalesce at Hooters and Buffalo Wild Wings where big screen action meets big cravings for famed wings, beefy burgers, and ribs. BJ's is renowned for its handcrafted beer, along with Signature Pizza, like the "Sweet Pig" and "Great White."

Mongolian specialties abound at Genghis Grill and Hans Mongolian Grill and intertwine with the open flame meats served at Chabuca's, Ichibon Japanese Seafood & Steakhouse, Hot Wok, and Samurai Japanese Steak & Sushi House. Modern Japanese fare meets modern palates at Masa Sushi, Sushi Coast, and MichiRu Sushi & Asian Restaurant, while Chinese favorites, like General Tso's Chicken can be found at King Food, East Star, and China Square. Thai dishes, such as Chicken Satay, Fisherman Grill, and Tiger Cry, collect accolades at Thai Cottage, Thai Lemon Grass, and Thai Seafood.

For seafood specialties, Pappas Seafood House's Blackened Catfish Opelousas, Crawfish Etoufee, and Snapper Pontchartrain are deliciously famous, like the lobster dishes at Red Lobster, the Boiled Crawfish and Fried Seafood Platter at Floyd's, and the Shrimp Teriyaki at Ichibon.

European fare, like Shrimp Crêpe Florentine and Quiche Lorraine at La Madeleine merge with the modern southwest, like Smoked Turkey Cobb Salad, Mediterranean Salmon, and Spanish Chicken Romesco at Café Express.



Burgers at Mooyah Burgers, Chili's, Whataburger, and Sonic vie for top billing with barbecue at Pappas Bar-B-Q and Ryan's Smokehouse. Just as Lenny's is known for its Philly Cheesesteak and Jason's Deli's Ciabatta Bing is king, Charley's Grilled Wraps and Antonini's Italian Sub both receive high marks.

American cuisine is creative, which is illustrated by Cheddar's Casual Café's Blackened Tilapia with Mango Salsa and Shrimp, Rib-eye Steak, and New Orleans Pasta. While the Black-Eyed Pea is famous for its Pot Roast and Chicken Fried Steak, Chili's is known for its Baby Back Ribs, just as Outback Steakhouse's Victoria Filet, T-bone Steak, and Blooming Onions have attained world-class distinction.

There are at least 100 good reasons why Webster is the "Dining Destination" of the Bay Area Houston region. For a complete listing and description of all Webster restaurants, the City publishes a "Discover Your Destination" brochure, which is available at City Hall, Space Center Houston, area visitor centers, or online at www.cityofwebster.com.

Iconic Dining

- Angelo's Pizza and Pasta - 17 delicious years
- Antonini's Subs - since 1984
- Black-Eyed Pea - over 25 years
- Carlos Beer Garden - since 1978 - 31 years
- Carrabba's Italian Grill - 15 years
- Chili's Bar & Grill - since 1985
- Dos Mas - over 20 flavorful years
- Durango's Mexican Restaurant - 17 years
- Franca's Real Italian Restaurant - Webster's oldest - since 1971
- Frenchie's Italian Cuisine - 30 years - since 1979
- Hans Mongolian Grill - over 17 years
- Hooters - since 1992
- The Hop - 20 years
- King Food - 21 years
- Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant - 20 years
- Outpost Tavern - 29 years
- Putt-Putt Fun House - 30 years of fun
- Thai Seafood - 16 years
- Tree House Restaurant - for over 30 years
- Waffle House - serving meals 24-7 - since 1974
- Whataburger - 25 years

Longtime Webster Favorites



Pet Health Day

Pet Health Day will be held January 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the City of Webster Civic Center located at 311 Pennsylvania Avenue. Pet service providers will offer information about products, general pet care, and health issues. Further, the City of Webster's Animal Control Division will be on hand, and a veterinarian will provide vaccinations at a reduced rate of \$15.

While the City of Webster requires annual registration for dogs and cats at a fee of \$10, if pets are registered at Pet Health Day, the fee is waived. Proof of vaccination is required to register pets. Upon registration, animals will be issued a City identification tag. The City requires a City license tag and rabies tag on the pet's collar.

For more information about Webster's Pet Health Day, contact Animal Control at 281.316.3700.



Maxwell Rodgers

Storm Drain Responsibility

As storm drains are a vital component of the flood control system and impact the entire ecosystem, it is critical that only water find its way into these structures. Storm drains must not be receptacles for grass clippings, pet waste, pesticides, or trash, since all materials that enter the storm drain system inhibit flow and pollute waterways.

Because storm drains are designed to prevent flooding of residences and businesses, and the rainwater flows directly into local waterways, it is a violation of both state and local laws to contaminate the system.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Evolution

Over the past 25 years, Webster's central wastewater treatment plant has experienced dramatic growth that coincides with the City's position as the central business district of Clear Lake. On November 19, 2009, Mayor Floyd Myers presided at the ribbon cutting ceremony that marked the culmination of the \$7.8 million expansion.

When the second expansion, or Phase 2, transpired in 1986, the City's wastewater treatment plant could process 1.65 million gallons daily. Now, with the completion of Phase 3, the plant's capacity is doubled and can treat 3.3 million gallons per day. In addition, an emergency power generator is an integral component of the expansion, which enables the plant to remain operational during power outages.

City leaders meticulously planned and executed this comprehensive Phase 3 expansion that accommodates and complements Webster's growing commercial and residential base. Webster has the infrastructure to attract new businesses and expand current developments. According to Public Works Director Shannon Hicks, "Webster's wastewater treatment plant is a remarkable facility and a credit to the municipality. Certainly, the evolution of the plant mirrors the evolution of Webster."

Tours of the City's newly expanded wastewater treatment plant can be scheduled by contacting Miguel Delgado, Chief Water/Wastewater Operator, at 281.316.3718.



In celebration of the completion of the City's wastewater treatment plant expansion, Mayor Floyd Myers presides at the ribbon-cutting event.



Phase 3 of the wastewater treatment plant expansion employs technology, like more extensive sand filters, that improve discharged water quality. Webster's treatment process surpasses Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards.



Three new aeration basins and three new clarifiers have been added in Phase 3 to increase capacity and improve the treatment process.

Required Tree Trimming

Property owners are responsible for trimming trees – especially those that protrude into public areas, like sidewalks and streets.

In accordance with the City of Webster's Vegetation Ordinance, trees should be trimmed 14 feet above the roadway and eight feet above the sidewalk.

For additional information, contact Susan Raeihle, Code Enforcement Officer, at 281.316.4106.

2010 U.S. Census Arrival

The City of Webster is coordinating with the U.S. Census Bureau to facilitate an accurate count of the population. Every decade, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to collect data on residents, which determines the allocation of more than \$400 billion annually for projects and services, the number of U.S. House of Representatives seats, and the funding for infrastructure improvements and maintenance.

For 2010, the Census Bureau has simplified its form with a ten-question, ten-minute format. This new questionnaire represents the shortest form in census history, since the Bureau began using standardized questions in 1830. In March 2010, when the forms are mailed out to residents, the ten questions solicit data about the number of people in the household and their names, ownership or rental information, telephone number, ethnicity, sex, and age.

More complete information about the upcoming census and its history can be found at <http://2010.census.gov>.

Faces Behind the City

26 years of service

Joe Ferro is the City of Webster's first, full-time Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), although his career with the City began in June 1983 as a laborer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. From the onset of his career, Ferro has held several positions, such as Water/Wastewater supervisor and Water/Wastewater superintendent, where he served until he was recently installed as the City's EMC. Ferro credits the City for encouraging employees to further their education and career advancement, just as he has done.

As EMC, Ferro is responsible for the planning and implementation of the City's comprehensive Emergency Management

Program, which guides the City through each of the four phases of emergency management – *mitigation*, the removal of conditions that may become hazardous; *preparedness*, the development of a plan of action including information on personnel, equipment, supplies and services available to the City during floods, severe weather, hurricanes, hazardous material events, or terrorism; *response*, the mobilization of necessary services and responders, including secondary services, such as specialized rescue teams; and *recovery*, the restoration of life to a pre-event state.

Ferro works as a liaison with the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, City Staff, and outside organizations to manage the distribution of resources for

As part of the City's Wellness Initiative, the "Biggest Loser" Program was launched in March 2009 whereby employees underwent blood pressure screenings, body mass index readings, and weigh-ins and became more knowledgeable about the benefits of physical fitness, a healthy diet regimen, and weight control.

The seven-month competition for the "Biggest Loser" and "Walk 100 Miles for Wellness" was augmented by monthly seminars on health topics, like cancer screenings, diabetes, diet and nutrition, and heart health, along with an online wellness newsletter.

While 20 employees participated in the "Biggest Loser" Program, with monthly weigh-ins, the winner was Environmental Health Inspector Sandy Ducharme, as Deputy Court Clerk Shannon White took second place and City Secretary Pauline Small claimed third place.

In the "Walk 100 Miles for Wellness" Program, 36 employees walked, ran, bicycled, swam, or exercised their way to attain a total of 9,935

miles. Economic Development Specialist Karen Coglianese took top honors with 830 miles.

A correlation between wellness programs and employee health, productivity, and satisfaction has proven to be significant. Webster's Wellness Committee Members Karen Coglianese, Carol Fontenot, Sue Gallagher, Susan Raeihle, Crystal Scott, and John Warnement sought to improve the overall health and well-being of the City's workforce.

Wellness at Work

Webster Launches Inaugural Fitness Program

Economic Development Specialist Karen Coglianese took top honors with 830 miles.



Karen Coglianese (left) and Sandy Ducharme (right) lead the way to fitness in Webster's Wellness program.

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Red t-shirts are donned by those who achieved the "Walk 100 Mile" benchmark.



Joe Ferro, Emergency Management Coordinator

emergencies. After an event, Ferro oversees the submittal and reimbursement process for costs incurred by the City.

Joe Ferro enjoys spending time hunting, fishing, camping, and traveling with his wife, Misty, and their four children during his leisure time.

Drainage Defined – FAQ about Drainage Fees

In light of State and Federal legislation that regulate the effects of storm water, City Council approved Ordinance No. 09-06 declaring drainage to be a utility of the City and adopting the provisions of the State's Municipal Drainage Utility System Act. The Storm Water Management Program began October 1, 2009, and is funded through a drainage fee.



What is the background of the drainage fee?

Storm water pollution is one of the biggest threats to the health of creeks, bayous, and waterways. In densely developed areas, such as Webster, rainwater is not contained or recycled. Instead, the rainwater collects contaminants, enters the storm drain system, and discharges directly into waterways.

In an effort to decrease the amount of pollution reaching waterways, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued storm water regulations as part of the Federal Clean Water Act, requiring cities to develop a Storm Water Management Program and perform specific tasks to reduce storm water pollution.

Why am I paying a drainage fee? How is it different from my sewer and water fees?

While water fees fund drinking water quality and service and sewer fees fund wastewater collection and treatment, drainage fees will fund the Storm Water Management Program, which protects storm water flowing through the storm sewers and ditches throughout the City.

Don't Harris County Flood Control District fees cover storm water runoff?

The property tax paid to the Harris County Flood Control District covers projects that limit the impact of flooding, including the design and implementation of flood damage

reduction plans and maintenance of the District's extensive facilities. The focus of the City's Storm Water Management Program is the prevention and elimination of pollution contained within the storm water runoff.

What services do the fees cover?

The drainage fee funds only those activities included in the Storm Water Management Program, which include:

- Public education, involvement, and outreach
- Detection and elimination of illicit discharge
- Regulation and control of public and private construction site and post-construction site storm water runoff quality
- Pollution prevention for all municipal operations

How is the drainage fee calculated? Do residents and businesses pay the same amount?

The drainage fee is based upon the amount of impervious surface area within a property. Impervious surface area is any material that prevents or impedes natural filtration of water into the soil and includes parking lots, roofs, decks, patios, sidewalks, tennis courts, concrete or asphalt streets, crushed stone and gravel surfaces. This methodology applies the logic that customers with the most impervious surface area contribute most of the storm water runoff and associated pollution that enters the drainage system.

Using aerial photography and geographic information system data, the City is able to estimate the amount of permanent impervious surface area for each property within Webster.

Three customer classes have been created: (1) houses – single-family through four-plex residences – will be charged a flat fee of \$1.24 monthly, (2) apartments, condominiums, and townhomes will be charged 73.3¢ per 1,000 square feet of impervious surface area, and (3) nonresidential will pay 76.7¢ per 1,000 square feet.

Are there any exemptions or waivers?

Yes, the exemptions to the fee are as follows:

- A lot or tract of land owned by the State of Texas, Harris County, or the City of Webster
- Property with a sufficient, privately owned drainage system
- Property held and maintained in its natural state, and
- A subdivided lot, until a structure has been built on the lot and a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the City

How will the drainage fee be billed?

The drainage fee applies to all property located within Webster's city limits. Customers who receive a monthly utility bill will notice a separate line for the drainage fee. For commercial customers who share a common facility, the owner of the property may be billed for the entire complex, instead of each tenant. An entity, whose water and wastewater service is not provided by the City of Webster, may be billed in advance or arrears for more than one month of service.

Who can I contact if I have a question?

Contact Utility Billing at 281-316-4120 or Public Works at 281-316-3700 for more information.

Webster Police

New K-9 Team

Officer John Vaughn and his new K-9 partner "Kyra" recently completed a grueling 80 hours of training in narcotics detection and tracking.



Kyra, a two-year-old German Shepherd born in the Czech Republic on December 1, 2007, will be used to enhance narcotics enforcement in the City of Webster.

Officer Vaughn and Kyra are the second active K-9 team within the Webster Police Department, joining Officer Daniel Rebolledo and Igor. Both K-9 teams constitute a formidable force in reducing narcotic-related crime in the municipality.

New 2010 Dodge Chargers



The Webster Police Department has added two 2010 Dodge Chargers to its fleet. Equipped with the latest technology, the Hemi-powered police cars offer improved performance and better fuel economy and will be utilized primarily for traffic enforcement.

The Hemi-powered Dodge Charger has proven to be the superior model for police vehicles during a series of annual tests. According to Police Chief Ray Smiley, "These vehicles will be instrumental in reducing accidents."

Webster Fire

Breast Cancer Awareness Proponents



The Webster Fire Department shed its normal duty attire in October to don pink shirts to show support and raise awareness for breast cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers during October's Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Senior Fun

Webster's Recreation Department facilitates the highly acclaimed Senior Game Night where seniors dine, socialize, and play a variety of games, like Farkle, "42," Phase 10, and Chicken-foot. Senior Game Nights are scheduled on the following Friday evenings beginning at 6 pm: December 11, January 8, January 22, February 11, and February 26. For more information about Senior Game Nights, offered at the Webster Recreation Building, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue, contact Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137.

In addition to the Senior Game Night Program, senior field trips occur periodically. One of the most recent adventures for more than 16 seniors included an excursion to a Houston landmark – the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.



Webster seniors ventured to downtown Houston to visit the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Yards of the Month



September – Residential

Pat Rodriguez
18411 Kings Row



October – Residential

Cathy Cobb
507 Brad Court



September – Commercial

Villas at Edgewater
200 Water Street



October – Commercial

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
Heart and Vascular Hospital – 495 Medical Center Blvd.

Public Meeting Notes

August 4, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting and establishing a drainage rate for the provision of municipal drainage services. (For: Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers; Against: Myers)
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending school zones speed limits to 20 miles per hour and times for certain described points. (Unanimous)
- Denied a request by Mr. John Chen that the City pave an alleyway located at the intersection of Live Oak and Slossen Street. (For: Gaines; Against: Myers, Ellis, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Directed Staff to propose the Republic Services, Inc. solid waste contract as is, and work with Republic Services, Inc., to get more information regarding the pilot program as to where the program should be instituted and the possible impact.
- Directed Staff to propose a contract to CLEMC for emergency medical and other services.
- Accepted the water wastewater treatment plant 1.65 MGD expansion project #07-03 and release retainage to CSA Construction, Inc. (CSA). (Unanimous)
- Accept the Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009. (Unanimous)

August 5, 2009, City Council Special Meeting

- Discussed and gave direction to Staff regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 City of Webster Budget.

August 18, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Scheduled a Public Hearing on the City of Webster Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 on September 15, 2009. (Unanimous)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy, Section 4, Attendance and Leave Policy, Holiday Observance; adding September 11 as an official holiday observed by the City's Firefighters in lieu of the day after Thanksgiving. (Unanimous)
- Postponed consideration of removing the duties of Webster's Emergency Management Program from the Fire Department, creating the Department of Emergency Management, functions and duties. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City and Cities of League City and Friendswood for issues relating to the development of the area north of Clear Creek, south and east of Bay Area Boulevard and west of Interstate 45. (Unanimous)
- Approved the Regular Minutes of August 4, 2009 and Special Meeting of August 5, 2009. (Unanimous)

September 1, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy, Section 4, Attendance and Leave Policy, Holiday Observance; adding September 11 as an official holiday observed by the City's Firefighters in lieu of the day after Thanksgiving. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance changing the payment due date and various general utilities provisions, and changing various provisions relating to charges and fees. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing charges for the provision of utility services. (Myers, Ellis,

Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)

- Approved the first and only reading of an ordinance adopting Amendment No. 1 to the budget of the City of Webster, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
- Received a report and held a discussion regarding the April 2009 rain events.
 - Held an executive session.
 - Denied the first reading of an ordinance removing the duties of Webster's Emergency Management Program from the Fire Department, creating the Department of Emergency Management, functions and duties. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
 - Approved a rating of strong performer with a 2.5% merit increase for the City Secretary's performance evaluation. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
 - Approved a rating of strong performer with a 2.5% merit increase and extension of the City Manager's employment contract for two years in addition to the proposed changes. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
 - Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009. (Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Rogers)
 - Excused the absence of Councilmember Natalie Dolan. (For: Myers, Ellis, Gaines, Donehue, Rogers. Abstain: Waltz)

September 15, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Webster, Texas.
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance changing the payment due date and various general utilities provisions, and changing various provisions relating to charges and fees. (Unanimous)
- Approved the second reading of an ordinance establishing charges for the provision of utility services. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution to place on the agendas of October 6, 2009 and October 13, 2009 a proposal to increase the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 by 5.62 percent and calling for public hearings on those dates. (Unanimous)
- Ratified the increase in total property tax revenue as reported in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Budget for the City of Webster, Texas. (Unanimous)
- Approved the first and only reading adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget for the City of Webster. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution providing for an appeal process for certain employees reporting directly to the City Manager. (Unanimous)
- 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. (Unanimous)
- Approved a resolution designating Floyd H. Myers as Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2010 General Assembly and Beverly Gaines as the Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2010 General Assembly. (Unanimous)
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Texas Traffic Safety Program Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2009. (Unanimous)

September 29, 2009, City Council Special Meeting

- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps (CLEMC)

for emergency medical and other services. (Myers, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)

- No action was needed on a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding extending the emergency medical services, dispatch, and building rental contracts between the City of Webster and Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps.

October 6, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Presented a proclamation for "Red Ribbon Week and Drug Free Work Week."
- Held a public hearing to receive all comments on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.23252/\$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 5.62 percent increase in the tax rate.
- Held a public hearing to receive all comments on a Zoning amendment that would require a Special Use Permit for bars and nightclubs in close proximity to residential neighborhoods.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families and the City of Webster. (Unanimous)
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98 (Zoning), Article IV, Section 98-71. (Unanimous)
- Authorized the Police Department to purchase five replacement vehicles. (Unanimous)
- Accepted a Road, Utility and Drainage Easement from Exxon Mobil Corporation for the Phase 2, Rice Creek Lane extension. (Unanimous)
- Waived pet registration fees during our annual control event, Pet Health Safety Day, on January 16, 2010. (Unanimous)
- Cancelled the scheduled City Council Meeting for October 20, 2009 due to conflict with the annual Texas Municipal League Conference. (Unanimous)
- Appointed Edward Lapeyre to the Webster Economic Development Corporation Board (WEDC) for an unexpired term ending August 31, 2010. (Unanimous)
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2009 and the Special Meeting of September 29, 2009. (Unanimous)

October 13, 2009, City Council Special Meeting

- Held a public hearing to receive all comments on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.23252/\$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 5.62 percent increase in the tax rate.

October 27, 2009, City Council Meeting

- Approved the Why Sheet regarding proposed ad valorem tax rate, Summary Sheet, which will be attached as part of the minutes. (Myers, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Approved an ordinance increasing the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.23252, which is effectively a 5.62 percent increase in the tax rate. (For: Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers; Against: Myers)
- Adopted the 2009 ad valorem tax rate for debt service of \$0.11919/\$100 of taxable value. (Myers, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)
- Adopted the 2009 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of \$0.11333/\$100 of taxable value. (Myers, Gaines, Donehue, Waltz, Dolan, Rogers)

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



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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 & Fire Marshal 18208 Egret Bay Blvd.....	281.332.2711
Chief Building Official.....	281.316.4138
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
Finance Director.....	281.316.4102
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
Environmental Health Inspector.....	281.316.4113
Republic Services (residential).....	281.446.2030
Republic Services (commercial).....	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



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