



WELCOME TO WEBSTER WAY

New year, new newsletter for residents

While Webster is known for its more than 2,000 thriving businesses that bring in a daytime population of over 180,000 people, the City is also expanding its residential sector, with new homes being built and new residents moving to the area every day.

The Webster City Council wanted to create a monthly newsletter to keep all residents, new and established, up to date with what's going on within the City.

Each month, *Webster Way* will highlight Webster news and events, as well as information submitted by residents that correspond with the community.

Look inside this first issue to find out more about the new Webster police officer, proposed 2016 charter amendments, the FY 2015-2016 Budget, and how to stay connected on a daily basis.

Happy New Year, Webster!

POOL SURVEY NOTICE

Your voice counts

The City of Webster mailed out a survey on January 8 to all residents and commercial property owners to gauge community interest in the potential construction of a city swimming pool or multipurpose recreation facility. Since the old municipal pool was demolished in 2007 due to safety and health issues, the topic of a new pool or facility has arisen periodically.

Because the project would impact your property taxes in the range of \$20 to \$140 per \$100,000 in taxable value, it is important that you complete the survey, as your opinion matters!

The survey can be found online at www.cityofwebster.com/pool.



Webster City Pool, July 4, 1999

Visit the City Facebook page for more throwback photos!

MEET SARAH ELLIOT

Webster-PD's newest officer



SARAH ELLIOT
WPD OFFICER

The City of Webster Police Department currently employs 50 officers, including the newest officer on board, Sarah Elliot, a Houston native who graduated from the police academy in November 2015.

Prior to attending the academy, Elliot worked as a dispatcher for the Webster Police Department, as she has wanted to be in law enforcement since she was a young girl.

In February 2015, Elliot received a teamwork pin from City Manager Wayne Sabo, after her work as dispatcher led to the capture of suspects during a burglary in progress at a local restaurant.

Sarah Elliot is a great asset to the Webster Police Department, and her service will immensely benefit the Webster community.

2016 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Propositions and open candidate positions

After seven open meetings held by the Charter Review Commission, eight propositions are to be placed on the ballot for the Special City Election on May 7, 2016.

Proposition No. 1 amends the term limits for mayor and council members. Currently, the mayor and council members can be elected for no more than two consecutive three-year terms. The Commission suggests amending this to allow three consecutive three-year terms. This amendment has no expected budget impact.

Proposition No. 2 solidifies compensation for mayor and council members. The base compensation for the mayor will be increased from \$300 to \$600 per month and council members from \$200 to \$400 per month, in contrast to the \$429.88 the mayor receives and the \$286.59 the council members receive currently. The ability to increase the base amount in accordance with the cost of living index will be deleted, as well. This amendment has an expected budget impact of \$10,000 annually.

Proposition No. 3 clarifies when council elects the mayor pro-tem. The proposition stipulates that the mayor pro-tem would be elected by the council at the first regular council meeting following each regular city election or runoff election, if needed. This amendment has no expected budget impact.

Proposition No. 4 addresses the filling of positions by appointment. In the case of a vacant council member term of 12 months or less, council can fill the vacancy by appointment with a vote of four or more, in conjunction with state law. This amendment is expected to save money, as appointment is less costly than a special election.

Proposition No. 5 amends the requirement that the posting for an official meeting not held in the City's corporate limits be published in the official newspaper of the

City of Webster. Instead, all public meeting notifications would be required to be posted on the City's bulletin boards and official City website in

accordance with state law. This amendment is expected to save the City money for the cost of a newspaper publication.

Proposition No. 6 allows a runoff election to be held up to 45 days instead of 30 days after the canvass of returns from the first election according to Texas Election Code. This amendment has no expected budget impact.

Proposition No. 7 allows a member of a board or commission to vote before a period of orientation and instruction. Staff currently provides orientation to all board members. This amendment has no expected budget impact.

Proposition No. 8 more clearly defines the duties and statutory authority of the Building Board of Adjustments and the Zoning Board of Adjustments. This amendment has no expected budget impact.

During the May 7 General and Special Election, the eight propositions, as well as council positions, will appear on the ballot.

Natalie Dolan, Position 5, is term limited and will not be eligible to file for this election. Incumbents are Larry Tosto, Position 3, and Beverly Gaines, Position 4.

For more information, visit the City website at www.cityofwebster.com.



THE CHARTER REVIEW
COMMISSION BOARD

Charter Review Commission: Bill Jones, Noella Lambert, Crystal Roan, Pauline Small, Steve Waltz, Wayne Sabo, David Painter, Kathy Pritchard, and Edward Lapeyre. (Not pictured-Kaz Hamidian)

2015-2016 BUDGET

Low property tax rates, high sales tax revenue



The Webster City Council adopted the 2015-2016 Budget on Sept. 15, 2015 for its fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2015. The total budget is \$35,824,230 and reflects a reduction in property tax rates, shows historically high level of sales tax revenue, and provides for over \$1 million of capital expenditures.

Keeping you safe

- 55% of the total revenue will be used to provide public safety.
- Over \$600,000 of the Police

Department's \$8.9 million budget will be used for projects including the replacement of public safety communications tower, purchase of investigation and training equipment, and purchase of automated ticket writers, which will increase efficiency in processing citations.

- The Fire Department plans to use almost 10% of its \$2.7 million budget to fund three new firefighter positions to ensure adequate coverage during each shift, as well as purchase new training devices and rescue equipment to improve firefighting capabilities.

Enhancing the community

- Public Works will be using a portion of its \$3.8 million budget to build an obstacle course and walking path around the City Hall detention pond that will give the Police and Fire Departments the ability to perform fitness assessments, as well as serve as an exercise course for residents. Money will also be used to fund the construction of Egret Bay Park, which is located on three acres of land along FM 270.
- The Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget recognizes the City's most valuable asset, its employees. In total, Webster employees have a total of 1,700 years of service to the citizens of Webster. Nearly 15% of the entire staff has been employed by the City for more than 20 years.

For more information about the budget, log onto the City website at www.cityofwebster.com.

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FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 City Council Meeting 6p.m.	3 Planning and Zoning Meeting 6p.m.	4	5	6
7	8 Webster Aerobics Every Monday 6:30-7:30p.m.	9 Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting 6p.m.	10 Webster Aerobics Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30p.m.	11	12 Senior Game Night 6-9:30p.m.	13 Webster Aerobics Every Saturday 7:30-8:30a.m.
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21	22 Webster Tae Kwon Do Every Monday	23 Webster Tae Kwon Do Every Tuesday	24	25 Webster Tae Kwon Do Every Thursday	26 Senior Game Night 6-9:30p.m.	27
28	29	2 Minute Tuesday Take 2 minutes to tidy up your property		ADOPT A WEBSTER ANIMAL Webster Animal Control Monday-Thursday 7a.m.-4:30p.m. Friday 7a.m-11a.m.		

AARP TAX AIDE
 February 1-April 13
 In the recreation center
 311-Pennsylvania Ave.
 Mondays-9a.m.-5p.m.
 Tuesdays-10a.m.-2p.m.
 Wednesdays-12p.m.-7p.m.
 Saturdays-9a.m.-1p.m.

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