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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Message from the Mayor

The spirit and strength of the Webster community lies in the hands of the citizens who volunteer. The City of Webster requests your participation in a very important aspect of city government with a call for applicants to serve on boards and commissions.

The members of our Boards and Commissions are registered voters in the City who volunteer their time, experience, and knowledge. We invite you to visit our website at www.cityofwebster.com to review the various summaries of responsibilities while looking for a board or two that peak your interest. Nomination applications are available on our website or you may contact the City Secretary, Crystal Roan, at 281.316.4101 to request an application.

Please keep in mind the following criteria as you decide :

- Appointments are for two, three or five-year terms depending on the board
- Each board or commission usually meets once per month, on weeknights
- Attendance of the regularly scheduled meetings is very important

Webster's value and character are strengthened with every act of volunteerism.
Make a difference...Volunteer!



DONNA ROGERS
WEBSTER MAYOR

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Candidates Forum, April 12

The League of Women Voters of Texas is sponsoring a candidates forum on Tuesday, April 12, at Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave., to introduce the 2016 General and Special Election candidates.

Lawrence P. Tosto, Position 3; Beverly A. Gaines, Position 4; Bill Jones, Position 5; and Edward Lapeyre, Position 5, will be on hand to meet with community members and answer questions.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be a meet and greet, followed by the forum beginning at 7 p.m.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to submit questions.

The 2016 General and Special Election will be held on May 7, 2016, and along with Council Positions 3, 4, and 5, there will be eight charter propositions on the ballot.

Early voting is from April 25-April 28, 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., April 29, 7:30-11:30 a.m., and May 2 and 3, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election day is May 7, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Early voting and Election Day voting will be conducted at Webster City Hall. For more information visit the City website at www.cityofwebster.com.



LAWRENCE P. TOSTO
POSITION 3



BEVERLY A. GAINES
POSITION 4



BILL JONES
POSITION 5



EDWARD LAPEYRE
POSITION 5

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DISPATCHER

National Telecommunicators Week, April 10-16

The City of Webster recognizes its hard-working dispatchers in honor of National Telecommunicators Week, April 10-16!

When people think of first responders, they think police, fire, and EMS; however, dispatchers are an integral part of the public safety team.

A dispatcher must be a great communicator who can handle many tasks at once. In the high-stress work environment, dispatchers must be prepared to handle any situation that arises.

Not everyone can handle the stress of being a dispatcher, says Webster Lead Telecommunicator Tiffany Swanson, who has been a dispatcher for 18 years.

The most distressing emergency calls for Swanson involve babies that are not breathing. She must remain calm during the emergency, no matter how hysterical the caller is, or how heartbreaking the situation may be. Breakdowns in communication could mean life or death consequences for officers and the public.



TIFFANY SWANSON
LEAD TELECOMMUNICATOR

Most often, the dispatchers do not have the opportunity to find out the end result of a call, but according to Swanson, it is often better not to know.

Although Webster Telecommunicators currently dispatch for Webster, Nassau Bay, Southeast Houston, and Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps, a large percentage of calls they receive are accidental dials. Swanson urges the public to remain on the line and tell the dispatcher that it was an accident, instead of immediately hanging up the phone. This saves time and effort that the dispatchers could be using to help a real emergency.

The Webster Telecommunicators take their job very seriously, so on your worst day, they are there to help.

REGISTER FOR THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CAMP

Webster Way 2016 Ultimate Slammin' Summer Camp

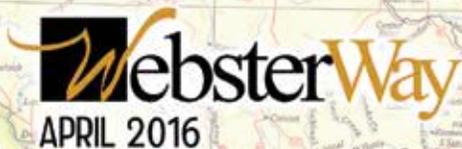


Summer isn't summer without the Ultimate Slammin' Summer Camp! During four, two-week sessions, children have the opportunity to learn and have fun all summer long.

From April 1- April 30, residents can register their children, ages 6-12, for the summer camp that meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Webster Recreation building and Texas Avenue Park.

During each session, campers will go on one field trip, such as Moody Gardens, Kemah Boardwalk, Putt Putt Fun House, or Main Event. Other days will be filled with arts and crafts, cooking, games, educational activities, and more!

Registration per session for residents is \$75 for the first child, and \$65 for each additional child. Visit the Recreation center at 311 Pennsylvania Ave. to register. Contact Recreation Manager Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137 for more information.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Take a book, leave a book



GREEN ACRES LITTLE FREE LIBRARY
LOCATED AT 894 KINGSGATE LANE

In the front yard of 894 Kingsgate Ln. in Webster, stands a brightly colored Little Free Library. This is one of 36,000 in the world.

The garden shed themed library is available for anyone in the area to take a book and leave a book, with no return due date.

The concept encourages the joy of reading and literacy to the community, by allowing people to share their favorite books.

Camille and Ken Goodwin first put up the library in 2014 and since have had visitors from all around, with the inventory of books changing regularly.

Camille is a Galveston County Master Gardener, which explains the garden shed theme. The Little Free Library organization recognized their library in 2014 as a Library of Distinction, for its unique design. It was custom built by Donald Dempsey of Classic Cabinets, and was custom painted by local artist, Kelly Halbach.

Children's books are the fastest movers, says Camille, but there are adult books in the library as well.

Next time you are in the area, be sure and stop by the Little Free Library, share your favorite book with the community, and see what book awaits you.

This library is registered as #9112 on the official world map. Visit www.littlefreelibrary.org for more information.

ANIMALS GO TO SCHOOL

Monkeys, falcons, opossums, oh my!

Webster Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover gives students the opportunity to see wildlife face-to-face during a class taught at Clear View High School each week. Trover conducts the class, bringing a variety of interesting animals and animal experts to interact with the students.

Trover first brought in capuchin monkeys, the most intelligent of the New World monkeys. Throughout the class, the monkeys hung onto the students while the students learned.

Trover then invited Wildlife Rehabber Nara Wilson and Earl the Opossum to the class. Students learned why the large marsupials, which often have a bad reputation, are so important to the environment.

Most recently, Falconer Charli Rohack visited students with her hawk, Sky. Rohack was able to teach students not only about the hawks, but falcons, seagulls, and other birds that reside in the Bay Area.

According to Trover, this class has been the best part of her job. Students put social media on hold and devote all of their attention to what is being taught.

Trover hopes to continue the program in future semesters, to give every student the opportunity to participate.



WILDLIFE REHABBER NARA WILSON, AMANDA TROVER, AND EARL THE OPOSSUM



FALCONER CHARLI ROHACK, SKY THE HAWK, AND AMANDA TROVER

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APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ADOPT A WEBSTER ANIMAL Webster Animal Control open Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & Friday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.				1 Webster Summer Camp registration begins	2
3 AARP Tax Aide Ends April 13!	4	5 City Council Meeting 6 p.m.	6 Planning and Zoning Meeting 6 p.m.	7 Deadline to register to vote in the May 7 election	8 Senior Game Night 6-9:30 p.m. 	9
10 National Dispatchers Week April 10-16	11 Webster Aerobics Every Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. 	12 Candidates Forum 6:30 p.m. WEDC* Meeting 6 p.m.	13 Webster Aerobics Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Webster Aerobics Every Saturday 7:30-8:30 a.m.
17	18 Webster Tae Kwon Do Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	19 City Council Meeting 6 p.m.	20 Planning and Zoning Meeting 6 p.m.	21	22 Senior Game Night 6-9:30 p.m. 	23
24	25 Early Voting begins April 25 until May 3	26 Early Voting 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	27 Early Voting 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	28 Early Voting 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	29 Early Voting 7:30-11:30 a.m.	30

*Webster Economic Development Corporation

CITY CURFEW *Nothing good happens after midnight*
 The curfew for any person under 17 years of age is 11 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. until 6 a.m. the following day, and midnight until 6 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Minors, not accompanied by a parent or guardian commit an offense if they remain in a public place.

WALK WITH A DOC *A Brighter Tomorrow Pediatrics*
 Join Dr. Angelina Farella and other local healthcare professionals for a 30 minute walk in the park every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Walnut Park. Visit www.walkwithadoc.org for more information.

