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THE WEBSTER WAY



In just 6.7 square miles, the City of Webster offers its residents over 100 restaurant and entertainment venues. More than 30 retail centers allow residents to shop 'til they drop, without leaving the City. From subs to steaks to sporting goods, residents can enjoy it all in Webster.

Thanks to sales tax revenue from its numerous businesses, the City of Webster has been able to maintain ultra-low property tax rates for its residents. Consumers from 24 surrounding cities help with this, by traveling to Webster and spending money here. But, construction on I-45 and the Bay Area Boulevard bridge has made it difficult to reach the many businesses in Webster, which has affected the sales tax revenue- the primary source of funding the City's operations.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, the I-45 widening and Bay Area Boulevard interchange project will be completed in June, which is predicted to boost retail sales. In the meantime, Webster encourages residents to shop, dine and play in Webster.

**Support the local businesses.
Shop, dine, and play in Webster!**

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GALVESTON BAY RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

Every drop counts

On April 5, the Webster City Council approved the establishment of the Galveston Bay Foundation Rain Barrel Program. The program promotes the harvesting of rainfall with rain barrels, as a way of sustainable landscaping practices that citizens may voluntarily employ to conserve water and improve rainwater related problems.

Residents will have the opportunity to attend a workshop on September 17, where they will receive a 35-gallon rain barrel, a rain barrel kit, and educational materials for a small fee.

Rain barrels can be attached to downspouts in order to reduce runoff into storm drains. Water collected can then be used for watering a garden or houseplants, among many other uses.

Follow the City of Webster - Government on Facebook for updates on the workshop.

LOOK TWICE • SAVE A LIFE

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

According to TxDOT, in the past five years, 2,354 motorcyclists have been killed in Texas, and one-third of motorcycle fatalities take place at intersections.

Most drivers involved in crashes with motorcycles say they never saw the motorcyclist and were unable to react in time to prevent the crash. **Drive aware.**



WHAT'S HAPPENING WEBSTER?



Let us know what you want to see in the next edition of Webster Way!

Invite us to your events, and tell us what is going on around the city. Take a picture and send it to kstamy@cityofwebster.com or

tell us how you're spending the weekend in Webster and send us your photos, or post it using #WebsterWeekends

Follow The City of Webster- Government on Facebook for continuous updates, pictures, posts and more!

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PROTECTING AGAINST THE ZIKA VIRUS

Webster Public Works spraying for mosquitos

With the recent Zika Virus scare, it is imperative that precautions be taken. In April, Public Works crews began spraying for mosquitos on a weekly basis, and in May crews will spray twice a week.

Public works crews generally spray until November.

Visit www.cityofwebster.com for more information.

NEWEST WEBSTER POLICE OFFICER

Officer Michael Foran



Webster Police Department's newest officer, Michael Foran.

The newest Webster Police Department recruit is Officer Michael Foran, who comes to Webster from the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Foran graduated from the Police Academy in 2014 and began his law enforcement career at the Alvin Police Department.

The new officer grew up in the Bay Area and looks forward to protecting and serving the community.

Officer Foran's experience and education make him an excellent match for the Webster PD family.

BEWARE OF IDENTITY THEFT

Increasing number of identity theft cases in Webster

Since the beginning of the year, the Webster Police Department Financial Crime Division has investigated 46 identity theft/credit card abuse cases. In March, within four minutes of receiving a credit card fraud call from Office Depot, Webster Officers arrested a suspect who had in his possession three American Express cards, two Chase cards, three Discover cards, 11 Visa gift cards and a fake Georgia Driver's License. The card numbers were associated with legitimate account holders throughout the country.

On April 11, Webster Police Department recovered a homemade skimming device from a gas pump at a convenience store. The device was attached to the card reader on the inside of the pump access panel, which cannot be seen from the outside. The best way to protect yourself from this type of fraud is by routinely monitoring your credit and debit card statements. It is also suggested that you do not use a debit card at gas pumps. Use a credit card or pay inside.

Remember that card companies do not reimburse for transactions that require a PIN number. Keep your PIN number safe and change it frequently. If you think you are a victim of an identity theft or credit card fraud, contact Webster Detective George Schilter at 281.332.2426.



Clear View High School Principal Michael Houston, Freshman Esmaralda Ramos, and Mayor Donna Rogers pose with the winning Public Works T-Shirt design.

PUBLIC WORKS MEETS HIGH SCHOOL

Public Works Week May 15-21

Public works is the force behind the scenes that keeps the community functioning and maintained. It's made up of crews that help with everything from park maintenance to water and wastewater treatment.

Public Works has opportunities and positions for every person to learn and grow. Starting from an entry-level position, applicants could very quickly find themselves advancing in a career. In an effort to rally high school graduates into Public Works, Assistant Director John Warnement met with art students to create a T-Shirt design for the City of Webster Public Works Department to wear at their annual lunch during Public Works Week in May.

Freshman Esmaralda Ramos' creation was chosen as the winning design and at the May 17 City Council meeting she will be introduced and recognized for her work. This summer Ramos will have the opportunity to intern for Public Works and advance one step toward a bright future in the department.

Visit the City of Webster website to see how you can become a part of the Public Works Team.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK May 1-7	2 EARLY VOTING 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.	3 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6 p.m. EARLY VOTING 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.	4 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING 6 p.m. INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY	5	6	7 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION 7 A.M.-7 P.M.
8 MOTHER'S DAY 	9 WEBSTER AEROBICS Every Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m.	10 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING 6 p.m.	11 WEBSTER AEROBICS Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.	12 PARKS BOARD MEETING 5:30 p.m.	13 SENIOR GAME NIGHT 6-9:30 p.m.	14 WEBSTER AEROBICS Every Saturday 7:30-8:30 a.m.
15 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK 	16	17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6 p.m.	18 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING 6 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23 WEBSTER TAE KWON DO Every Monday Tuesday and Thursday	24	25	26	27 SENIOR GAME NIGHT 6-9:30 p.m.	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED 	31 2-MINUTE TUESDAY Take 2-minutes to tidy up your property!		ADOPT A WEBSTER ANIMAL Webster Animal Control open Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & Friday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.		IF YOUR PET GOES MISSING, VISIT THE WEBSTER FACEBOOK PAGE! Animals found are posted regularly.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION May 7, 2016
 On Election Day, voting will be conducted at Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue, from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. A voting device to assist voters with a disability will be available during early voting and on Election Day. Early voting on May 2 and 3 will be in the City Secretary's office from 7 a.m.-7p.m.

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES! Message from Webster PD
 In the past month, Webster Police have seen an increase in burglary of motor vehicles. Be observant and have your keys in your hand when walking to your vehicle. Always lock your vehicles and take valuables out of plain sight. Call 9-1-1 if you see a crime in progress!

