

# WebsterWay

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*The City of Webster wishes you a Happy Halloween! Share your photos with us on social media*

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## Introducing Project Genesis

*244 acres within the City to be developed*

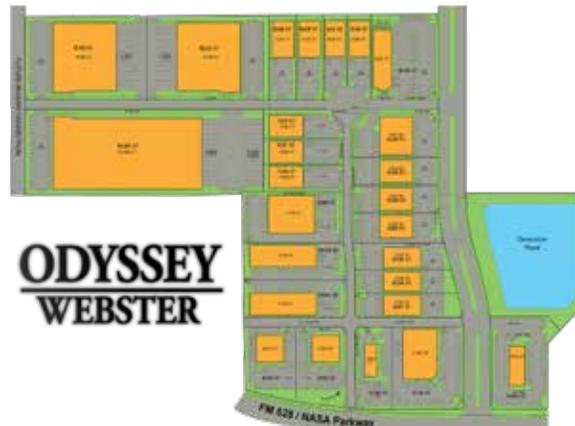
In accordance with City Council's mission to grow Webster's commercial tax base, Project Genesis was created to recruit new vibrant businesses to Webster. The project area encompasses 244 acres within the City's northwest quadrant, 80 percent of which is undeveloped.

The catalyst for Project Genesis is Odyssey Business Park, a 24-acre development planned by Wycoff Development and Construction on land purchased in June 2016. Wycoff, the developer of the highly successful Magnolia Court Business Park, is poised to recruit 20-30 new businesses in over 1 million square feet of development along NASA Parkway.

In September, both the WEDC and City Council approved a \$3.7 million expenditure that will fund the first phase of the infrastructure system within Project Genesis. The first phase includes Genesis Boulevard- paving 1,090 linear feet, utilities, landscaping, and lighting; signal and intersection improvements at NASA Pkwy./FM 528; and construction of a regional detention pond.

The creation of this project will provide new connectivity to the City's northwest quadrant and stimulate new commercial growth within 200 undeveloped acres.

Construction will begin on the first phase of Project Genesis by the second quarter of 2017.



# Records Management Day

Monday, October 10

While state and federal offices, post offices, and banks will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 10, the City of Webster will take a day to manage departmental records. All employees will report to work as usual, but city offices will be closed to take advantage of an uninterrupted day to sort through paperwork and process records in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

The City hopes to continue the plan in the future as needed to improve customer service and efficiency in locating documents and reducing storage needs. Regular garbage service, police and EMS will operate as normal and all emergencies will be handled as usual. For more information, contact Rose Hamidian, Records Manager for the City of Webster at 281.316.4136.

## Webster Clean-Up and Garage Sale

Clean up week Oct. 17-21; Garage Sale Oct. 22

Beginning on Monday, October 17, the City of Webster will provide FREE curbside pickup of household trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc. for residents. Curbside pickup will continue until Friday, Oct. 21.

Discarded items may also be disposed of at one of the dumpster sites. Dumpsters are available throughout the week at Green Acres Park, 901 Whitehall Ln.; the Civic Center Complex, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.; and the Public Works Service Center, 855 Magnolia Ave.

Items that are ineligible for disposal include paint, unknown chemicals, items over 250 pounds, vehicle engines, and trailers.

Residents are also encouraged to participate in our 2016 City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) will make an initial sweep through Webdale/Webster Old Town Site, Green Acres and Edgewater subdivisions at approximately 2:30 p.m. to pick up unsold or unwanted items. ICM will make a final sweep through the neighborhoods at around 4 p.m.

All items other than furniture pieces must be boxed or bagged for pick up. Additionally, all items must have a large label, clearly visible to the driver as items being donated to ICM.

For more information visit [www.cityofwebster.com](http://www.cityofwebster.com).



## Yard of the Month: July



**Judge 1:** "This homeowner's bright, luminous collection of orange flowers truly capture the sun's concentration. The rest of the yard is truly a tropical delight with all the various textures of green."

**Judge 2:** "The cool backdrop of the varying heights of well-tended greens is accentuated by the warm, vibrant oranges in the Birds of Paradise, Pride of Barbados, Ixora, which complete the desired theme."



**Judge 1:** "Dwarf Rudbeckias in shades of russet, sunshine yellow, mahogany, and creamy white along with Blue Daze complete the lush beds. Edgewater's bright landscape certainly draws in visitors."

**Judge 2:** "Tall trees are well placed in the esplanades and curbside areas. Grasses are strategically put in the cul-de-sac areas to offset the expanses of concrete. Edgewater maintains their landscape in excellent condition."

## Calling All Seniors

Join us for Senior Game Nights and Senior Trips

If you are looking for a way to become involved in the city and meet other residents, here is your chance!

The City of Webster invites seniors in the community to a night of fun and games. Join your neighbors for a light meal and conversation. Stay a while and play a game of "42", Pinochle, Farkle, Spinner or whatever may interest you.

Game nights are held on the second and fourth Friday of every month from 6 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave.

City of Webster Recreation Manager Bryan Morgan also schedules monthly senior day trips to destinations around the Houston area. The outings are open to any senior interested, and requests for trip ideas are always welcome.

Contact Recreation Manager Bryan Morgan at 281.316.4137 or [bmorgan@cityofwebster.com](mailto:bmorgan@cityofwebster.com) for more information.





# We Are Webster

## Meet residents Mike and Allyne Ratliff

Allyne and Mike Ratliff first met while attending Webster High School. Mike, a Seabrook native, played on the football team and Allyne was a twirler.

The two were acquaintances at best, and in 1961 they graduated high school and went their separate paths. Mike worked as a customer service agent for several airlines while Allyne was a school teacher.

The pair reconnected in 2004 at a Webster High School Alumni monthly luncheon, 43 years after graduating and a romance blossomed between the two.

After teaching for 32 years, Channel 13 covered Allyne's retirement party at Clear Lake City Elementary School. It was there that Mike and Allyne shocked their loved ones by inviting them to a surprise wedding. "By the way, you are all invited to our wedding in ten minutes," Allyne recalled telling her friends and family during the retirement party.

The couple and their loved ones gathered in the school's library. Allyne's daughter was her maid of honor, her fellow first-grade teachers were the bridesmaids, her son gave her away, a fifth-grade teacher married the two, and it was all captured by Channel 13 News.

The couple currently resides in Allyne's childhood home built in 1943 by her parents, Alan and Arlyne Weber. Alan was principal of Webster High School and Arlyne was a second-grade teacher at Webster Elementary School.

According to Allyne and Mike, when NASA came to the area, Webster grew considerably. When the two came back to Webster after graduating from college, the City had transformed. What was once a deer pasture had turned into NASA Pkwy. The only building that has remained the same is The Hop at the corner of NASA Pkwy. and Hwy. 3. Though the frame of the building is the same, it used to be an ice house before becoming a grocery store, the couple said. Since then, the Ratliff's have seen the City continue to progress abundantly.

Recently, Mike and Allyne donated a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork that was painted by Margaret S. McWhirter in 1945 and gifted to Allyne's parents. The public can view the art at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. The City of Webster thanks Mike and Allyne Ratliff for preserving and sharing the history of Webster and the surrounding areas with the community!

# Council Connect

## Meet Beverly Gaines, Council Member Position 4



In 1999, Beverly Gaines moved to Webster after her husband Ron accepted a position at the Webster Fire Department. She is now Webster Council Member Position 4, and enjoying every aspect of it.

She was elected to Position 4 in May of this year but has sat on Council for two previous terms in Position 2 (2006-2012). She says her very first year on council was spent studying terminology and definitions, researching budget items, and learning about every single matter that involved the City.

Although taking a seat on council was a learning process for Beverly, city government was not entirely new to her. She has been involved in every city she has lived in, whether it was on a board, helping with elections, or just getting to know the council members.

When she moved to Webster, she became a part of the Celebration Committee and Citizens Police Academy. She has served on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and currently, serves on the Webster Economic Development Corporation.

Outside of the City, Beverly works as a Life and Health Insurance Broker. In her profession, she can help people of all ages, but is particularly passionate about seniors citizens. Her mother-in-law also resides in Webster, so Beverly is able to see what the elders in the community want and need first-hand. Her daughter and granddaughter also live in Webster, so she is also able to understand the wants and needs of the many young families in the City as well.

Beverly and her husband, Webster Fire Marshal Ron Gaines, were high school sweethearts in San Antonio before getting married and moving to the Houston area. After 17 years of living in Webster, the family has stayed because of the City's proximity to the medical center, shopping, and entertainment venues. When she is not busy with work or council, she enjoys crocheting, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her friends and family.

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*All officials and offices can be reached using the main number*

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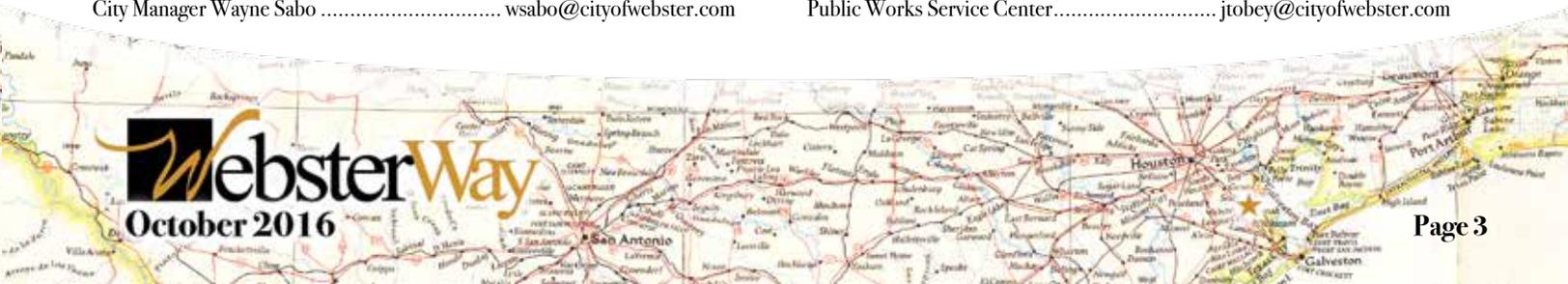
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# October 2016

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

\*Meetings may be cancelled if there are no agenda items. Check the City website for meeting information!



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**1**

**2** Fire Prevention Week  
 Oct. 2-8

**3** Special City Council Meeting  
 6 p.m.

**4** City Council Meeting  
 6 p.m.

**5** Planning and Zoning Meeting\*  
 6 p.m.

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**8**

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**10** Records Management Day  
 City offices Closed

**11** WEDC Meeting\*  
 6 p.m.  
 Special City Council Mtg.  
 6 p.m.

**12** Webster Aerobics  
 Mon. & Wed.  
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**13**

**14** Senior Game Night  
 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**15** Webster Aerobics  
 Every Saturday  
 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

**16** Webster Clean-up Week  
 Oct. 17-21

**17** Webster Tae Kwon Do  
 Every Monday Tuesday and Thursday

**18** TIRZ Board Meeting  
 5:30 p.m.  
 City Council Meeting  
 6 p.m.

**19** Planning and Zoning Meeting\*  
 6 p.m.

**20**

**21**

**22** City-wide Garage Sale

**23**

**24** Visit the splash pad before it closes for the season on November 1

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**28** Senior Game Night  
 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**29**

**30**

**31** Happy Halloween

**CITY HALL SHOUTOUT**

Webster City Manager Wayne Sabo's daughter Deirdre R. Malburg is competing in the United States Dressage Federation/ Great American Region 9 Championships in the Olympic equestrian sport of Dressage. The horse and rider are scored based on technical merit, choreography, and harmony of the pair. All the movements are guided by invisible commands from the rider. Good luck, Deirdre!

