

## \$26,000 raised for the Blackburn family

### *Trooper Chad Blackburn Benefit was a Success*

Over Labor Day weekend, State Trooper Chad Blackburn was severely injured by a drunk driver while working in Webster. On October 15, the Webster Police Officers Association (WPOA), Friendswood Police Officers Association, and Texas Municipal Police Association held a Benefit at Kroger Marketplace in League City to raise money for the Blackburn family. Barbecue and “Back the Blue” yard signs were sold during the event, along with a raffle.

The community raised \$24,904 for the State Trooper, and on November 1, Webster Police Officers along with first responders from surrounding areas presented the check to the Blackburn family. During the City Council Meeting on November 15, the WPOA was recognized for their efforts, and during the presentation, an additional \$1,000 was pledged to the cause by Tigers Den. The money raised will assist the family with expenses they encounter during the time of recovery.

The Webster Police Officers Association would like to thank the community for the incredible turnout at the event, and for all those who contributed to its success.



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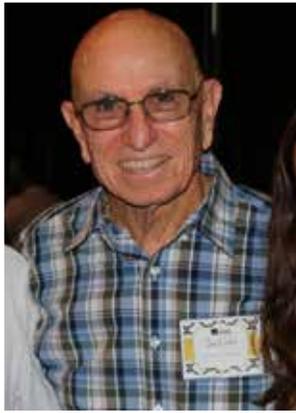
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*Resident who has called the City of Webster home for over 80 years*

**Happy Holidays!**  
*The City of Webster wishes you a happy holiday season. #WebsterWinterWonderland*

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# We Are Webster

Meet resident Jay Corbin



Around 1935, when the City of Webster had a population of fewer than 200 people, Jay Corbin moved to Webster with his family from League City.

Eighty years later, the population has grown substantially, but Jay Corbin still calls this town his home.

One of his earliest memories go back to the Webster School House days where Mrs. Margaret McWhirter was his first-grade teacher. When he was only ten years old, he started his first job

picking tomatoes at the Kagawa Farm making 25 cents a day.

He remained in Webster until after his high school graduation, when he became an X-Ray Technician and started working at the Mainland Medical Center. It was there that he met his wife Carolyn through a co-worker.

After only two months of marriage, Jay was drafted into the Army and was sent to Georgia. He served in WWII as well as the Vietnam War for a total of four years. Once he was discharged, he moved back to Webster with his wife and their two children. Upon returning to his hometown, he continued to work in hospitals.

Jay's father was one of the very first members of the Webster Volunteer Fire Department. Inspired, Jay followed in his footsteps and joined.

At the time, the fire department shared a building with the police department on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Highway 3.

The station had two trucks, one of which was built by Jay's father with an engine from a jeep and a tank truck donated by the Kobayashi family.

"The fire department was not just a guy thing, though," said Jay. "It was a family thing."

Wives of the firefighters had a group of their own known as the Ladies Auxillary Fire Department. Whether they made a meal for the crew or rolled up the hose, the women would be there to assist the men however they could.

Eventually, Jay became the Fire Chief, but juggling a full-time job at the hospital, his family, and the Fire Chief position, it became too weighing, and he stepped down after a year.

Now Jay stays involved in the City as a part of the Webster Celebration Committee. He spends his spare time tending to his garden, practicing his golf game, and spending time with his grandchildren.

"I like it here in this little town," Jay said. "I never wanted to go anywhere else but Webster. I always came back home."

# Welcome to Webster

New development in the City

In the City's northwest quadrant, development has begun, completely transforming the area. Along FM 528, construction on what will be Emmons Motor Company has started, and it is moving along quickly. The company began in South Houston in 1972 and is a family owned dealership that offers a wide variety of vehicles, with a price range of \$15,000-20,000.

The business owned by four brothers, Gary, Harvey, Jerry, and Terry Emmons, is currently located in Pasadena. The decision to move to Webster was based on the fact that the business had outgrown its facility. Within the next year, the company plans to make the move to the Webster location, which will have a showroom, service center, detail center, and a body shop. Previously, Emmons Motor Company would use outside vendors for repairs. According to Harvey, the addition of a body shop at the new dealership will enhance customer experience with a quicker turnaround time.

The City of Webster is also anticipating the opening of Exclusive Furniture along the Gulf Fwy. The company is also family owned and operated, and currently, has six other stores in the Houston area. This project is a new construction plan that is estimated to take place on 43,000 square feet of land.

With the slogan, "Where low prices live," Exclusive Furniture strives to be an affordable option for every family in Houston.

The City looks forward to having the new businesses open for residents and visitors!



## Yard of the Month: October



# Council Connect

Meet *Martin (Marty) Graves*, Council Member Position 6



After 51 years in Chicago, Marty Graves relocated to Webster in 2010, and in 2014 he was elected as Council Member Position 6.

An Elmhurst College and DePaul University graduate, he worked for BP (Amoco) for 21 years in a variety of positions ranging from research technician and chemist to technical support and sales.

He moved to Webster as a “refugee from the great recession,” and took a job with a global chemical company, performing a mix of technical support, market development, project management and product development.

Since moving to Webster, he has been active and held several leadership positions with the Houston Section Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, which raises money each year for engineering scholarships.

Shortly after moving to Webster, he participated in the BayCERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, for his church. After completing the training, he learned of the Webster Citizens Police Academy and served as Vice-President on the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

When he sat on the Citizens Advisory Panel for the Webster Comprehensive Plan Update, he was introduced to city government. Although he had no aspirations of becoming a politician, when he was asked to run for City Council, he decided to give it a shot.

“The best way to become involved in your community and to meet other residents is to become active in these types of organizations,” he said.

Outside of work and council, Marty is an avid motorcyclist, has taught motorcycle safety classes, and has ridden through most of the United States, Canada, Malaysia, and Thailand on his BMW. He also helps out with a motorcycle rally in Mena, Arkansas that benefits the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) organization that works with children.

The council member, chemist, and motorcyclist is also an amateur musician, belonging to the Bay Area Bluegrass Association, and invites the community to attend the free concerts. He spends his spare time exercising at Fun City Sk8 Center in Webster and riding around on his unicycle.

After moving to Webster he met and married his wife, Mei Leng Lee, and the two plan to retire in Webster eventually.

According to the council member, he went into public office believing that government “of the people” means exactly that- and he continues to use his knowledge and experience to represent the citizens of Webster.



## Back the Blue

*Yard signs for sale*

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, Webster Police Officer Gilbert Jimenez was struck by a vehicle while directing traffic in a school zone on FM 517. Officer Jimenez was in full uniform and wearing a highly-reflective traffic vest at the time of the injury.

Webster Police Officers Association is currently raising money for the officer by selling Back the Blue yard signs.

Those interested in purchasing the \$10 sign should contact Officer James Latham at [jlatham@websterpd.com](mailto:jlatham@websterpd.com) or stop by the Webster Police Department, 217 Pennsylvania Avenue, to pick one up for their yard.



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# December 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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4	5 <b>Webster Aerobics</b> <i>Mon. &amp; Wed.</i> 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 	6 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6 p.m.	7 <b>Planning and Zoning Meeting</b> 6 p.m.	8	9 <b>Senior Game Night</b> 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	10
11	12 <b>Webster Tae Kwon Do</b> <i>Every Monday Tuesday and Thursday</i>	13 <b>Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting</b> 6 p.m.	14 <b>Seniors' Holiday Luncheon</b> <i>11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Building</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <b>Holiday Yard Judging</b> 6 p.m. 	20 <b>City Council Meeting*</b> 6 p.m.	21 <b>First Day of Winter</b> 	22 <b>City Offices Close at 12:30 p.m. for the holiday</b> 	23 <b>City Offices Closed</b> <b>Senior Game Night</b> 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	24 <b>Hanukkah, Begins At Sunset</b> 
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> 	26 <b>City Offices Closed</b> 	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> <i>City Offices Closed on Jan. 2</i> 

**Holiday Yard Judging**  
 Judging for holiday decorations (residential only) will be on Monday, December 19, beginning at 6 p.m. A 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention home will be chosen for both the east and west side of Webster.



**Holiday Trash Pick-up**  
 Both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday this year, therefore trash service will not be impacted, and customers will receive service as scheduled during the week.

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