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July 4 is the Texas Avenue Splash Pad's second birthday! The ribbon cutting took place during the 2015 Fourth of July Celebration!

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## Fourth of July Celebration

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Join us on Tuesday, July 4 for the celebration at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue. The schedule is subject to change. Visit the City Facebook page for updates.

- 5:00 p.m. Event begins
- 5:30 p.m. Bingo begins at One-Life Church, 16920 Texas Ave.
- 6:00 p.m. Webster Police K-9 demonstration at the ball field
- 6:20 p.m. PHI Helicopter lands and is open for viewing at the ball field
- 6:30 p.m. Coast Guard Touch-and-Go over the back ball field
- 7:00 p.m. Houston Highlanders Pipes and Drums perform
- 7:25 p.m. PHI Helicopter departs
- 7:30 p.m. City Manager, Mayor, and Council take the stage, and Tommy Turnbow gives invocation
- 7:45 p.m. Webster Police K-9 demonstration at ball field
- 8:05 p.m. U.S. Veterans and Servicemen line up at the front
- 8:10 p.m. U.S. Army Swearing In Ceremony on stage
- 8:15 p.m. Veterans and Servicemen take the stage
- 9:08 p.m. Houston Highlanders escort the Webster Honor Guard for presentation
- 9:13 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem
- 9:15 p.m. Fireworks begin
- 10:00 p.m. Singing of God Bless America - End of Park Festivities



# Car Seat Safety 101

Picking a car seat that's right for your child is difficult, and correctly installing the seat in the car is even more challenging. Webster Fire Department is here to help to make sure your seat is properly installed, and your child is strapped in safely.

Two of the Webster firefighters have attended 40 hours of car seat safety training and know exactly how to adjust any car seat into any car. By making an appointment at the Webster Fire Department, they will not only put your car seat in correctly, but teach you how to do it yourself.

However, putting the car seat into the car is only half the battle.

Once your seat is properly installed, you must then make sure you also have your child strapped in safely. Use the correct harness slots and adjust the shoulder straps as your child grows. On rear-facing car seats, the shoulder straps should come through the car seat slots at or just below your child's shoulders. On forward-facing seats, the shoulder straps should be at or just above the shoulders. After buckling the child in, make sure that the chest clip is on the chest, and not the belly. WFD then encourages parents to register their car seats on SaferCar.gov, in case of a recall or safety notice.

According to Safe Ride 4 Kids, anywhere from 72 to 84 percent of child restraints show critical misuses. Call Webster Fire Department at 281-316-3742 to set up a time for your car seat to be checked. Visit SaferCar.gov for more valuable tips on car seat safety.



## WEBSTER EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

*The City of Webster employees are hardworking individuals, and in the past month, several have received new certifications, awards, and recognitions.*



Animal Control Officer Amanda Trover was selected to receive the American Public Works Association Texas Chapter Award for Exceptional Performance-Adversity for 2017.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for just what I would consider doing my job," said Amanda.

Public Works Assistant Director John Warnement received the American Public Works Association Texas Chapter Richard Ridings Community Involvement Award for 2017.

"I have been fortunate because my job has put opportunities in my path to further serve the community," John said.



Police Officer Jeffery Cargile received the Police Chief's Commendation Award for his exemplary efforts patrolling the streets in Webster.

Police Chief Danny Presley has received several thank you notes and compliments regarding Cargile's actions while on duty.

Detective Vince Werner completed an 11-week course at the National Forensic Academy in Tennessee. Chief Presley presented him with a Chief's Commendation Award for completing the rigorous course. "The training was invaluable," said Vince.



Fire Chief Patrick Shipp and Assistant Chief Todd Weidman are among the top in the fire service. They each earned all four designations for Chief Fire Officers.

There are only five individuals in the U.S. who have earned all four top designations, and Shipp and Weidman are the only two from Texas.

Webster Fire Department Shift Commanders Dean Spencer and Les Thomas graduated from the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy.

Along with 23 others, Thomas and Dean Spencer earned the professional designation of Certified Fire Executive.



## Ordinance Reminders

**HEALTH AND SANITATION ORDINANCE**, once grass and weeds exceed 12 inches in height, it is a violation of the Ordinance. All properties must be mowed and maintained at all times.

**VEGETATION ORDINANCE**, once grass and weeds between sidewalks and curbs exceed 4 inches, it is a violation of the Ordinance. All properties must be edged and trimmed at all times. The ordinance requires tree limbs hanging over streets and sidewalks to be trimmed at all times so that they are at least 8 feet above the sidewalks and 14 feet above the street.

**SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE**, tree limbs must be cut into 5-foot lengths, not exceed 50 pounds, bundled and placed at the curbside. Republic Waste Services, the City's Sanitation provider, will pick up tree limbs at no cost if properly bundled by the curb. If not, contact Public Works Department for a cost estimate and removal. Cost is \$20 per half load and \$35 per full load. Contact Public Works Department at 281-316-3700 for further assistance.

Pick up days for trash and debris are Monday and Thursday. Thursday is heavy trash pick up day and recycling day. No hazardous items allowed for regular and heavy trash pickup services. Old refrigerators must be drained and doors removed.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**, all graffiti must be removed within ten days by the property owner. Fences must be maintained at all times.

For additional assistance, please contact Susan Raeihle, Code Enforcement Officer at 281-316-4106 or Heather Furst, Environmental Health Inspector at 281-316-4133.

## COUNCIL CONNECT



*Mayor Donna Rogers and Council Member Position 6 Martin (Marty) Graves were reinstalled to Webster City Council on June 6.*



*Council Member Position 2 Andrea Wilson was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term on June 6.*

## Make an impact. Donate to “On A Mission: Restoring Historic Mission Control”

“On a Mission: Restoring Historic Mission Control,” is a \$5 million campaign to restore NASA's Historic Mission Control used during the Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle eras.

In April, Webster City Council approved a \$3.5 million commitment as a lead gift to its longtime partner Space Center Houston to help fund the restoration. It is the largest philanthropic gift in the history of Space Center Houston. Although it is a significant achievement for the restoration efforts, another \$1.5 million remains to be raised to achieve the goal.

To motivate additional support, \$400,000 of Webster's gift is directed as a 1:1 challenge for a crowdfunding campaign to invite the public to help with the restoration and raise an additional \$400,000.

Since the City of Webster was incorporated in 1958, NASA has served as a catalyst to grow the City and the region. Webster is home to more than 2,200 businesses – many of which are aerospace companies working on NASA's current deep space missions and the daily operations of the International Space Station. The city's global importance to space exploration will continue through this campaign and restoration.

The community is encouraged to make a donation and become a part of the project which will provide exceptional learning opportunities that will attract people from around the world. Donations can be made by visiting [spacecenter.org/on-a-mission](http://spacecenter.org/on-a-mission).







*Left: Mel Donehue with his wife Connie who have called Webster home for over 40 years*

*Below: Mel Donehue is pictured here in during the Webster Centennial Celebration Parade in 1992.*



## WE ARE WEBSTER MELVIN AND CONNIE DONEHUE

In 1965, when the City's population was under one thousand and Bay Area Boulevard was nothing but a dirt road that stretched only 10 feet wide, 38-year-old Melvin Donehue moved to Webster.

Now, at nearly 90 years old, Mel fondly remembers the last 52 years he spent with the City of Webster and the changes that have transpired.

"I came out here about July 6, 1965, and put in about 33 years as a city councilman, eight years as mayor pro-tem and about seven years as a volunteer fireman," he said.

The Apollo project brought Mel to Webster, but it was the medical center and the climate that got him to stay.

Originally from Ohio, at the age of 17 he went into the Navy and served in the Philippines, where he realized that in some places, it didn't snow in the winter. When he returned to Ohio, he was cold, uncomfortable and weary of shoveling snow, so he said "to heck with it" and moved to Los Angeles for better weather and to further his education.

Before eventually relocating to Webster, he lived in Tucson, Arizona, Palmdale, California, and then Vandenberg, California. He began working on aircrafts as an electronic assembler before being promoted to electronic quality control, which was a position he held for around 30 years.

After accepting a job in Texas and moving to Webster for the Apollo project, he decided to explore city government and see what was going on in Webster. At the very first council meeting he attended, there were only four citizens from the public in attendance.

"I thought I'd become a councilmember, so in 1976, I first ran, and I won the election. Thirty-three years later, I left," he explained. "It was an experience I wouldn't change for the world."

While working on the shuttle missions and holding a position on council, Mel also joined the Webster's Volunteer

Fire Department for about seven years.

He was a busy man with a wife and four children, sadly in 1990 his wife, Barbara, passed away, and in 1991, he retired.

In 1992, Mel reconnected with an old friend, Connie. She was working at Academy when she ran into Mel. Two years later the couple got married.

Connie, a native Texan, originally moved to Webster in 1976 with her then husband and their daughter. She served as a member of the Celebration Committee and the Library Committee, but when she got a job with the post office, she was working six days a week and lost touch.

"I got divorced and moved away for a few years," Connie explained. "But I thought 'No, I want to be back in Webster, and so I moved back.'"

When she moved back, she accepted a position at Academy, and the rest is history.

Now that the two are retired, they enjoy spending their time traveling, reading, exercising and spending time together. One of Mel's hobbies that Connie has taken an interest in is Native American weaponry.

Native American culture and the old western days have always piqued Mel's interest, he visited a local Native American goods store, and he believed he would be able to recreate the art and weaponry himself. So, he got the materials and did some research and has been creating shields since then.

According to Connie, his pieces are displayed all around their home, and she has learned to love the technique, as well.

Mel and Connie Donehue make up an important role in the history of Webster. Mel has made an impact on the City as a councilmember and citizen, and Connie would like the community to celebrate Mel at his surprise 90th Birthday Party. His birthday is July 28, but the festivities will take place on Saturday, July 29 at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. She asks for attendees to RSVP to her at 281.704.3747 and to keep the party a secret!

# CITY HALL CONNECT

## POLICE CHIEF DANNY PRESLEY

Police Chief Danny Presley has been around police since he was just four months old, and by the age of 5, he knew he wanted to be a police officer.

Chief Presley was born in Mount Pleasant, Texas and was raised in the Northeast Texas area. His father worked for the Longview Police Department, where the Chief discovered his enthusiasm for law enforcement.

After he had graduated from Sabine High School, he attended Kilgore College where he earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He then moved to Texarkana, Texas where he continued his law enforcement career.

After 24 years in Texarkana, Danny decided he needed a change, so he retired from as a Texarkana Police Captain and began his service with the City of Webster in April 2014.

Prior to moving to Webster, Chief Presley built up quite an impressive resume after serving as a dispatcher, patrol officer, public information officer, crime prevention officer, personnel and training manager, recruiter, field training program manager, and lead firearms instructor. He also served as an Operations Division Commander, SWAT Commander, and managed the Internal Affairs process.

He also taught Administration of Criminal Justice Agencies, Police-Community Relations, and Criminology at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

Chief Presley gained city government experience when he served for two years in the Office of the City Manager as the City of Texarkana's City Government Liaison before becoming the Administrative Services Manager.

Presley holds a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences from Texas A&M University, a Master's Degree in Business in Administration from Texas A&M University, and most recently, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from Sam Houston State University.

He is a Certified Public Manager and received the George C. Askew Award from the American Academy of Certified Public Managers.

He also holds a Certificate in Public Finance from Texas Tech University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and was class president of the 254th session.

At the beginning of this year, Presley was selected along with 60 other leaders from around the nation to take part in the 2017 class of the Presidential Leadership Scholars Program. The executive leadership program was developed by President George H. W. Bush, President Clinton, and George W. Bush in conjunction with the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

"I've gotten to meet the presidents, and I've learned a lot from them," explained Danny. "My project for the class is to help improve police/community relations."

Under Danny's leadership, the police department has remained a Texas Police Chief's Association "Recognized"



agency, maintaining compliance with the 168 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices.

Recently, Danny oversaw a remodel of the communications center, which he thanks City Council and City Manager Wayne Sabo for.

He also helped rebrand the department and involved the officers in helping design a new badge, patch, and logo.

"They came up with three or four different designs, and we took a vote," he explained. "I'm very proud of the badge, patch, and logo."

The logo now includes the badge surrounded by the department's core values: honor, integrity, and service.

Chief Presley's current goals are for the department to increase community engagement and to continue improving the service given to residents.

"We have had a significant decrease in citizen complaints," said Danny proudly. "We have pushed toward better customer service and the way we carry out the job. So, I'm very proud of that."

Chief Presley currently resides in League City with his wife, Stephanie. They have four children Brandon, Haley, Lauren, and Kara.

Chief Presley enjoys traveling with his family, especially to the Ozark Mountains where he owns some property and hopes to retire when the time comes.

"I am so grateful to be here in Webster," Danny said. "Immediately it felt like I was at home and where I belong, and I have never doubted that for one day."

Police Chief Danny Presley is making a difference in the way Webster protects and serves its citizens, and we are proud to have his leadership in our City.





**Commercial Yard of the Month**  
Cavender's Boot City  
May 2017



**Residential Yard of the Month**  
506 Brad Court  
May 2017

## ***I-45 Construction Update***

The widening of I-45 began in 2011, and on June 1, 2017, Texas Department of Transportation celebrated the substantial completion of the project!

Webster Public Works Director Shannon Hicks passed the baton to League City Mayor Pat Hallisey as construction moves from the City of Webster into League City. Construction of I-45 from NASA Road One to FM 518 began in May and is expected to be completed in 2021. Although the construction and closures have been challenging, the substantial completion of the project has already had a positive impact on the City of Webster. We thank the community for their patience!



## **REDROVER TRAINING**

Are you an animal lover wanting to know what you can do for the helpless animals in the community? RedRover Responders will have a class at the Webster Fire Department on July 15 to give community members the lowdown on volunteering with the nonprofit pet rescue organization.

The workshop helps you understand what it's like to deploy with RedRover to a disaster or animal cruelty case. Group work and exercises will guide pre-deployment decision-making and packing, solidify understanding of key Standard Operating Guidelines, and prepare you for the realities of response.

Volunteers with RedRover Responders set up and operate temporary emergency animal shelters, care for, feed and comfort animals displaced by natural disasters and reunite them with their family, save animals from suffering in puppy mills and other abuse and negligent situations, and educate people about puppy mills, animal hoarding and disaster planning for pets.

The event will take place on Saturday, July 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Webster Fire Station, 18300 Highway 3, in Webster. The training is \$45, which includes the registration fee, t-shirt, and volunteer handbook. Space for this training is limited, so register now at [RedRover.org/JoinResponders](http://RedRover.org/JoinResponders).

TUESDAY, JULY 4

# **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

MAY WE CHERISH THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY OUR ANCESTORS FOUGHT FOR.

REGULAR RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICK UP WILL RUN AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED.

## ▼ SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Monday, August 21 is Senior Citizen Day! The City of Webster loves the Senior Citizens in the community!

Get to know the Senior Citizens at Game Night twice a month at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Join in on Friday, August 11 and August 25 from 6 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. for a light dinner, games, and conversation.

## ▼ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Clear Creek Independent School District will be back in session beginning on Monday, August 21.

Summer isn't over yet, though. Visit the City of Webster entertainment venues, splash pad, or shopping centers to stay out of the heat and make summer 2017 the best yet!

## ▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on **Tuesday, August 1 and August 15 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on **Tuesday, August 8 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com) for meeting information.

## ▼ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

During the school year, the Webster Recreation Center runs an after-school program, giving students the opportunity to learn and engage with other students after the school day.

Parents can register for the program on the first day of school. Learn more about the City's program in the August newsletter.

## ▼ MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Due to the rain in June, mosquito spraying is now being performed on Monday and Thursday evenings. As conditions change, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Take additional steps to #PreventTheBite by reducing sources of standing water around your home, install or repair screens on windows and doors, and keep lawn clippings away from storm drains. Learn what you need to know about mosquito-borne diseases at [hcph.tx.org/zika](http://hcph.tx.org/zika).



**City Hall Main Number ..... 281.332.1826**

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

### City Officials

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City Trash Hauling ..... 281.316.3700

Civic Center Rental ..... 281.316.4108

Police (Non-emergency) ..... 281.332.2426

Republic Services (Residential) ..... 281.446.2030

Tickets-To Pay By Credit Card ..... 281.338.6702

Utility Billing ..... 281.316.4120

Water/Sewer Line Breaks ..... 281.316.3700





# July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>Fourth of July Celebration</b> Starting at 5 p.m. You're invited to the City of Webster Fourth of July Celebration! Bring your friends and family to Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue for food, games, entertainment and fireworks!				
2	3	4		6	7	8
9	10 <b>Webster Tae Kwon Do</b> <i>Every Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Thursday</i>	11 <b>Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*</b> <i>6 p.m.</i>	12	13	14	15 <b>RedRover Training</b> <i>Read more on pg. 6</i>
16	17 <b>Webster Aerobics</b> <i>Mon. &amp; Wed. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m</i>	18 <b>City Council Meeting</b> <i>6 p.m.</i>	19	20	21 <b>Senior Game Night</b> <i>6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.</i>	22 <b>Webster Aerobics</b> <i>Every Saturday 7:30-8:30 a.m.</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29  <b>Mel Donehue Birthday</b> <i>Read more on Pg. 4</i>
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