



Webster Police Department Promotions

Three supervisors promoted in January

After three lengthy and challenging assessment centers designed to test leadership, decision-making, and communication skills, Webster Police Department promoted three employees in January.

John Vaughn was promoted to Captain, Ryan Sprinkle was promoted to Sergeant, and Michael Foran was promoted to Corporal.

This is a trickle-down effect from Police Chief Pete Bacon's appointment in October of 2020, followed by promotions of Jeremy Edge to Assistant Police Chief, Selwyn Thomas to Sergeant, and Juan Quintana Corporal.

These are exciting times at the police department for the highly qualified individuals to step into their new roles. *(Continued on page 3)*

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

2021 ELECTION INFO

SATURDAY, MAY 1

The City of Webster will conduct a General Election on May 1, 2021. Residents must register to vote by April 1, 2021. Council Positions 1 and 2 will be on the May ballot.

REGISTER TO VOTE BY APRIL 1

Voter registration cards are available at the Harris County Clerk's Office. Don't forget to bring your picture ID to vote.

VOTING BY MAIL DEADLINE APRIL 20

Last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 20. Submit an application for a single election starting January 1.

EARLY VOTING BEGINNING APRIL 19 ENDING APRIL 27

Early voting will be conducted from April 19-April 27. *Voters can stop by from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Friday.* The location for early voting will be decided and published on the City website and in an upcoming newsletter.

ELECTION DAY MAY 1

Voting will be conducted from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. The location for early voting will be decided and published on the City website and in an upcoming newsletter.

A voting device to assist voters with a disability will be available during Early Voting and on Election Day. For more information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 281.332.1826.

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Captain John Vaughn has been with the Webster Police Department since 2006. He has served in many roles, including a K9 officer, for many years. In 2014, he was promoted to corporal, and in 2015 to the rank of sergeant.

During his time as sergeant, Captain Vaughn supervised each of the patrol shifts. In his new role, he will take command of the support services division.

"I am very proud of Captain Vaughn; he is going to do an outstanding job," Police Chief Pete Bacon said. "He is one of the future leaders in this police department."



Sergeant Ryan Sprinkle was hired by the Webster Police Department in 2006. He started as a night shift patrol officer, and in 2007 he joined as a member of the traffic and crash division, where he had extensive accident and reconstruction training. After two years, he returned to patrol and, in 2018, was promoted to the rank of Corporal. As Sergeant, he will supervise a night shift.

"Sergeant Ryan Sprinkle has been a key member of our department training-wise," Chief Bacon told City Council. "He is a big influence in patrol. They look up to him literally and figuratively."

Corporal Michael Foran was hired by the Webster Police Department in 2016. He is a coordinator for the department's drone program, and he is a field training officer. He was promoted on January 15, and he will serve as Corporal on a day shift.

"This solidifies our command staff, and I am extremely happy," Chief Bacon said. "I am very proud of these officers and all of those who were promoted before."



AARP Tax-Aide for Tax Year 2020

New COVID-19 Precautions

Protection against COVID-19 has dictated changes to the annual AARP Tax-Aide program. Tax aide will take place from Monday, February 8, until Thursday, April 15. Citizens must call 281.506.4951 to make an appointment ahead of time.

No one will be allowed in the building, and there will be no "walk-ins" allowed; all contact must be done by appointment.

The phone line will be open for appointments starting Saturday, January 30, during regular site hours.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Mondays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays 2 p.m.- 6 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Sergeant Brandon Cis, Officer Andrew Brooks, Officer Eric D'Agostino, and Officer Steven Hattaway wear the helmets and shields donated by the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation.

Webster Police Department Receives Generous Donation

A special thank you to the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation

On November 20, the Webster Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association received a \$5,000 grant from the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation to purchase ballistic protection equipment for the Webster Police Department.

In January, the department purchased three lightweight ballistic shields that will offer enhanced protection to our officers during times of heightened threats or unknown tactical situations.

This is the second year in a row that the foundation has made a charitable grant to the Webster Police Department. Previously, the department was able to purchase ballistic helmets for officers to use in heightened threat environments.

We thank the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation for supporting the Webster Police Department's efforts to create a safe and healthy community.



Police Officer Gilbert Jimenez Retires After 33 Years of Service

Thank you for your service, Officer Jimenez

After 33 years of service in Webster, Officer Gilbert Jimenez has retired.

Officer Jimenez started with the City of Webster in 1988 as a volunteer firefighter. It wasn't until 1995 that he transitioned to the police department, where he spent the next 26 years serving the City.

"Gilbert has served his entire career according to our core values, which are honor, integrity, and service," Police Chief Pete Bacon said. "That exemplifies this man. We are sorry to see him go, but we are excited for him to move on to his next chapter in life."

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF SERVICE

HONORING THE 2021 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The City of Webster takes pride in the many employees who have spent multiple years serving the community. Although the 2021 recipients were unable to celebrate at the Annual Service Awards Luncheon due to COVID-19, we would still like to recognize the 20 employees for their dedication.

5-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Brandon Cis, Police Department • Nickles DeNease, Fire Department • Lorenzo Esquivel Jr., Public Works Department • Jeremy Falcone, Fire Department • Hermelinda Kahaneck, Finance Department • David Martinez, Public Works Department • Jasmin Reyes, Public Works Department • Nathan Varner, Police Department • Katie Vela, City Secretary's Office.

10-YEAR RECIPIENT: Katie Bailey, Community Development Department.

15-YEAR RECIPIENT: Jamie Sherrill, Police Department.

20-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Betsy Giusto, Economic Development Director • Pamela Guillory, Public Works Department • James Latham, Police Department • David Nettles, Police Department • Michael Palermo, Police Department.

30-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Ronald Bellnoski, Police Department • Michael Bradshaw, Public Works Department • Gary Wirt, Police Department.

40-YEAR RECIPIENT: Carol Fontenot, Finance Department.



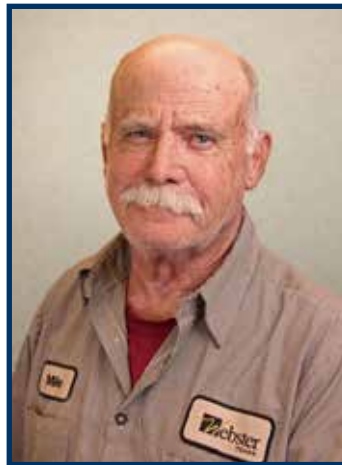
**POLICE OFFICER
RON BELLNOSKI**

Serving Webster since
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Serving Webster since
April 23, 1990



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE!



Houston Physicians' Hospital will add a three-story hospital addition encompassing 39,000 square feet on the facility's south end. This extension will feature expanded hospital facilities, including four operating rooms, increased radiology capability, and dietary and nutritional options.



Houston Physicians' Hospital (HPH) Business Development Director Amin Dhalla, Webster Mayor Donna Rogers, and HPH CEO Heather Womack in front of the hospital.

HOUSTON PHYSICIANS' HOSPITAL EXPANDS

PHYSICIAN- OWNED FORMULA = EXCEPTIONAL HEALTHCARE

Since 2005, when Houston Physicians' Hospital opened its premier facility at 333 North Texas Avenue in Webster, it has differentiated itself from other hospital systems in innovative, winning, highly successful ways.

Some of the reasons for Houston Physicians' Hospital's burgeoning growth and third expansion are embedded in its pioneering ownership structure. This hospital is 85% physician-owned—so physicians are wholly involved in setting the hospital's direction and working very closely with the entire staff to deliver the best possible outcomes to patients—and the formula works.

ENGAGED AND INVESTED

This is a healthcare facility where the staff is engaged and invested in providing exceptional care. Top-rated patient experiences and outcomes, best in class physicians, nurses, and staff contribute to several accolades and top rankings, such as the highest attainable 5-star rating for patient experience from Medicare and a ranking of number four in the entire state for this criterion. And, considering the fact that there are more than 500 hospitals in Texas, Houston Physicians' Hospital makes the grade.

When physicians, administration, and staff embrace and carry out a unified vision “to be the healthcare facility where physicians choose to practice, patients want to receive care, and employees prefer to work,” the results are riveting, as this mission statement appears inside the hospital's entrance.

Houston Physicians' Hospital is on a growth glide path. While the hospital started with 80,000 square feet with over half of the space allocated for the hospital and the remainder designated for medical office, an expansion transpired in 2007 to add MRI, CT, and imaging services. In 2010, the hospital added 11 inpatient beds for a total of 21. Now, Houston Physicians' Hospital will add a three-story hospital addition encompassing 39,000 square feet on the facility's south end. This extension will feature expanded hospital facilities, including four operating rooms, increased radiology capability, and dietary and nutritional options.

PHYSICIAN LED-PATIENT FOCUSED

Heather Womack, Houston Physicians' Hospital's CEO, along with the physicians, has been a driving force in the hospital's exciting history and an innovator for its future.

Womack has worked for Houston Physicians' Hospital since it opened in 2005. She has held several roles and titles in the last 15 years. In fact, she was the hospital's CFO before becoming CEO. Womack points to the physicians as key to the hospital's success and attributes their direct engagement in what transpires every day inside Houston Physicians' Hospital as the truly innovative factor.

“The physicians are extremely focused on ensuring our patients get the best patient experience, and that permeates across the entire organization,” Womack states. “In addition to the day-to-day engagement, our Board is physician-led, charting the course for our organization since its inception, which has brought us to where we are today, and that leadership will continue to carry us into the future.”

Womack is a CEO who makes the rounds at least weekly, dressed in scrubs for this purpose. It's important for her to connect with her staff, who treat patients like cherished family members. Houston Physicians' Hospital was ranked number seven on the Houston Chronicle's Top Workplace List, which attests to outstanding leadership and excellent employee satisfaction for the 300-plus employees who work there.

Even though Houston Physicians' Hospital's footprint is growing, its size compared to the larger hospital systems is still relatively small, which provides some significant advantages, according to Womack. One example is that physicians are the very best in their specialties and invested in delivering unsurpassed patient experiences and outcomes. Another competitive benefit is the hospital's flexibility, dexterity, nimbleness, and ability to rapidly and continually improve processes and programs to achieve “best in class.”

TRANSPARENT PRICING

It's rare to go to a hospital's website and see pricing. While Houston Physicians' Hospital accepts all major insurance plans, it's refreshing and illuminating to view cash pricing for 50 procedures from imaging to knee replacement to shoulder arthroscopy and so much more. As a small independent hospital, Houston Physicians' Hospital can manage costs and offer lower prices than large hospital systems for many services. The hospital has successfully managed cash pay and bundled payment markets and continues to produce quality outcomes at very competitive pricing.

Houston Physicians' Hospital leads the way with this approach to deliver value and top-notch quality within the healthcare arena. Womack and her team at Houston Physicians' Hospital are Webster innovators who are already planning the next expansion phases to serve the region with their unique brand.

WEBSTER BUSINESS UPDATE

Open Now!

FAMILY DOLLAR opened in January at 915 E. NASA Pkwy. The one-stop-shop has 40 aisles stocked with inventory such as food, cleaning supplies, clothes, home decor, and more.

TEXAS HUDDLE GRILLE & SPORTS BAR opened in January at 803 E. NASA Pkwy. The family-friendly restaurant has a full bar, extraordinary menu, arcade games, and TVs that span the entire establishment.

Coming Soon!

THE COOKSHACK is projected to open in Summer 2021 at 160 W. Bay Area Blvd. The restaurant will bring its tasty, popular, and wildly successful hot chicken and ribs concept to the area.

SCOOP CRAFT CREAMERY is scheduled to open on February 15 at 937 W. Bay Area Blvd. All of Scoop's ice creams are made in-house, with unique flavor creations inspired by family recipes, exciting travels.



STORM DRAINS CLEARED IN JANUARY

Webster Public Works prepares storm drains for a new year

To avoid flooding in Webster, Storm Water Coordinator Jesse Espinoza arranges for the storm drains to be cleared city-wide each year.

In January, crews cleared blockages from pollutants in the drains throughout the City. This is just one way that Jesse works to ensure that the storm drains can handle any rain event.

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FEBRUARY



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 02 CITY COUNCIL MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 09 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 12 LAST DAY TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO BE PLACED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT. ENDS AT 5 P.M.**
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**
- 15 PRESIDENTS' DAY**
City offices OPEN
- 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall

*Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check the City website at cityofwebster.com for meeting information.

Harris County Public Health Update: Vaccines

Check hcphtx.org and follow HCPH on social media for vaccine updates

Harris County Public Health is currently only providing vaccines for healthcare workers, people over the age of 65, and those with underlying health conditions (those who meet Phase 1A and 1B criteria) due to a limited vaccine supply.

Individuals who show up at HCPH locations and are not in Phase 1A and 1B will not receive the vaccine. The organization encourages everyone in Phase 1A and 1B to get vaccinated by reaching out to their healthcare provider/pharmacy as soon as supplies are available.

Please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services for a full list of locations offering the vaccine: <https://dshs.texas.gov>.