



Mayor Donna Rogers stands with her son, Justin Sanborn, outside of HCA Healthcare Clear Lake, where he works as a Physician's Assistant.

## Webster Women in Leadership

### IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

*International Women's Day is March 8, and we are celebrating the Webster Women in Leadership. Currently, City Council consists of four women and three men. With Councilwomen Jennifer Heidt, Andrea Wilson, and Beverly Gaines by her side, Mayor Donna Rogers is at the helm.*

For Mayor Rogers, leading a city and raising a child isn't so different. Both require commitment, time, and a great deal of love.

It started when Donna moved to the City of Webster as a young, single mom, entranced with the City's small-town feel. She was encouraged by her counselor to become involved in her new community. So, she began her journey on the Celebration Committee in 1994. *(Continued on page 3)*

# CITY COUNCIL

**Donna Rogers**  
Mayor

**Jennifer Heidt**  
Council Member Position 1

**Andrea Wilson**  
Council Member Position 2

**Larry Tosto**  
Council Member Position 3

**Beverly Gaines**  
Council Member Position 4

**Edward Lapeyre**  
Council Member Position 5

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

# MEET THE WEBSTER COUNCILWOMEN

## Councilmember Jennifer Heidt



Jennifer Heidt was elected to serve on City Council in May 2015. She was re-elected in May 2018, and she is currently up for election again.

Councilwoman Heidt has resided in Webster for over 11 years with her husband, Tom. She is a proud mother to TJ and Mathew and is a proud grandmother to her grandson Derek, 3, and granddaughter Rachel, 18-months.

## Councilmember Andrea Wilson

Andrea Wilson was elected to serve on City Council in May 2015. She was re-elected in May 2018, and her term ends in May 2021.

Andrea has lived in Webster for over 30 years with her husband Henry, and they raised her son, Andrew, here.

She stays busy with her healthcare operations career and is a very active chairman on the Advisory Board for the NASA Longhorn Project.



## Councilmember Beverly Gaines



Beverly Gaines was elected to serve on City Council in May 2015. She was re-elected in May 2016 and again in May 2019.

Beverly has been a Webster resident since 1999 with her husband, Ron. She is a proud mother to Julie and a proud grandmother to her granddaughter Reese.

The councilwoman works as a Life and Health Insurance Agent and is an active member of several boards and committees in Webster.

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When a council position became vacant, Past Mayor Floyd Myers's wife, Gail, put her arms around Donna and urged her to run for council.

"I was terrified," Mayor Rogers recalled. "I was a very young, single mother of an 8-year-old, and I was scared to death to campaign, but I did it."

With her son Justin holding her hand, she walked from house to house in Webster, campaigning.

One of her first stops was at the home of Joe and Catherine LaRocca. They were thrilled that a young person was getting involved in the community. Donna and Justin spent nearly three hours visiting with the couple, and upon leaving their home, Donna was inspired.

Her first election took place in November 1995, which resulted in a run-off election in December, which she won by six votes. She was sworn in as a Councilmember in 1996. Six years later, she was sworn in as the City's tenth Mayor.

Since then, Mayor Rogers has seen the City through triumphs and challenges. When thinking back on the City's accomplishments, she recalled "The Webster Advantage."

"Under my leadership, we established our slogan of The Webster Advantage, which translates into some of the lowest property tax rates and utility rates in the region," she explained. "I have been fortunate to lead a team in the City of Webster that has been dedicated to driving the City's phenomenal growth and ensuring the highest levels of service to Webster's residents and commercial constituents. It shows because I quite often receive compliments on how we do business in the City of Webster."

Donna also serves as the Webster Economic Development Corporation President and is very proud of the work done recruiting substantial businesses into the City.

Although public service has kept Mayor Donna Rogers busy for over 25 years, being a mom was always her number one priority.

"My son, who was eight when my journey started with the City of Webster, is now almost 35 years old and is a Physician's Assistant at HCA Healthcare Clear Lake in Webster," she said. "I am absolutely humbled by the fact that he is giving back to the community where he was raised, where he got his education, and where he played."

On February 3, 2021, Donna Rogers was re-installed as the Mayor of Webster during the regular City Council Meeting.

"The City will continue to grow and change, but I hope and pray that Webster never loses the small-town feel," she said. "I still love the City of Webster, and I remain dedicated to serving now and in the years to come."

When Mayor Rogers was first elected onto City Council, resident Joe LaRocca wrote her a letter and asked if she would be a spectator or a ball carrier. If Donna could talk to Joe now, she would proudly tell him that she was a ball carrier for the past 25 years, and she is still playing.



Donna Rogers greets voters in November 1995 alongside Council Member Candidates Carlos Villagomez and Jim Bowen.



Donna Rogers being sworn in as Council Member Position 4 in 1996 by Former Mayor Floyd Myers.

# 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 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.

## Webster Police Department at Work

On Monday, February 22, Detective Mike Palermo was conducting surveillance in the parking lot of a business located along I-45 when he observed four suspicious suspects walking on foot. Soon after that, two male suspects robbed a citizen at gunpoint and attempted to drive off in his vehicle. However, they failed to disengage the parking brake and were only able to drive a short distance before Detective Palermo approached them and identified himself as a police officer. The suspects then fled on foot as Detective Palermo coordinated responding units to the scene. Two male suspects and two female suspects were eventually detained, and officers located a handgun which one of the male suspects tossed into a wooded area.

The investigation revealed that the four suspects were from Dallas, and two were listed as runaway juveniles. Detective Palermo filed charges of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon against an adult male and a juvenile male. One female juvenile was detained as a runaway out of Dallas County, and an adult female was released with no charges filed. Officers also learned that the two male suspects stole a vehicle out of Houston on the previous day after pistol-whipping the owner.

The male suspects face additional charges from the Houston Police Department. This arrest is an excellent example of proactive police work and highlights the efforts Webster Police Officers make each day to suppress crime in our community.



# Spring CLEANING

MARCH 15-MARCH 19, 2021

*Beginning Monday, March 15, the City will provide FREE RESIDENTIAL curbside pick up of trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc. Pick-up will continue through Friday, March 19.*

*Discarded items may also be disposed of at the Webster Public Works Service Center, 855 Magnolia Ave. There will be employees available to help unload beginning Saturday, March 13, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your utility bill or driver's license to verify that you are a resident.*

*The debris for pick up on the curb should be out first thing on Monday morning, March 15.*

**\*\*\*Chemicals, paint cans, vehicle parts, and other hazardous materials will NOT be picked up.\*\*\***

## PET HEALTH SAFETY DRIVE-THRU



**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

Webster Humane Services rescheduled the Pet Health Safety Drive-Thru to be on Saturday, March 27. The drive-thru event will take place from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Webster Animal Shelter, 855 Magnolia Ave.

Pet owners can stop by to microchip and register their furry friends for free. Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP, and FVRCP vaccinations will be available for \$10 each. Heartworm tests will be \$20. The event is open to the public, and we ask that pets arrive in crates or on leashes.



## Welcome to Webster, Scoop Craft Creamery

*Locally owned ice cream shop offers unique flavors and creative desserts*

The Scoop Craft Creamery menu is full of your classic favorites, as well as a plethora of unique, creative desserts to brighten your day.

It all started a year ago when Julian and Camille Haynes had the idea to open a frozen yogurt shop. They were in talks to open a popular self-serve franchise when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. They decided to steer away from self-serve and created their own ice cream store, Scoop Craft Creamery.

Julian and Camille enjoy visiting craft breweries in the area, so they chose to integrate the brewery culture into their own “craft” creamery store. The couple began experimenting and created recipes inspired by their childhood and world travels.

“When people think craft, they think fresh, unique flavors,” said Julian. “We will have elevated vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry, but what I’m most excited about are the more unique flavors that you don’t see in traditional ice cream shops.”

There will be 12 flavors on display at a time, including two to three vegan options. Based on initial testing, the flavor that received the most positive response was lemon poppyseed muffin.

According to Julian, the vegan mango sorbet was also a big hit.

To go along with their unique flavors, the craft creamery store will also have unique dessert options. Customers can enjoy a flight of ice cream, which includes four mini scoops of ice cream. Or, ice cream nachos, which is two scoops of ice cream on a bed of waffle cone chips. There will also be cereal ice cream bars, ice cream donut sandwiches, iced cold brew coffee, and more.

The couple also hopes to expand into catering and events.

So why ice cream? Julian says, “why not? Ice cream is fun, and it brings people a lot of happiness.”

Scoop Craft Creamery is now open at 937 W Bay Area Blvd. Follow the business on Facebook and Instagram, and check their website to order online.

*About the owners: Camille grew up in the Webster area and attended Clear Lake High School. She is now a nutritionist at HCA Clear Lake. Her husband, Julian, is from Maryland and worked in oil and gas up until a few months ago when he quit his job to take on Scoop Craft Creamery full-time.*



# AARP TAX AIDE

**FEBRUARY 8 - APRIL 15**

**MONDAY** 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**TUESDAY** 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY** 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.

**THURSDAY** 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**SATURDAY** 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

CALL 281.506.4951 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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.

## WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS PREPARED

*When the Webster Fire Department is not responding to an emergency situation, firefighters can often be found doing hands-on training in preparation.*



### VEHICLE EXTRICATION TRAINING

The Fire Department utilizes various tools when extricating a patient from a vehicle in the event of a crash. One of the main tools is the hydraulic rescue tool known as the "Jaws of Life."

Hands-on training is one of the best ways to train firefighters to perform rescue techniques. The Webster firefighters were recently able to use a vehicle donated by Classic Transport to conduct the hands-on training with the Jaws of Life.

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# MARCH

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 01 WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 02 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 14 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
*Move your clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m.*
- 15 WEBSTER CLEAN UP WEEK BEGINS**
- 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING\***  
*6 p.m. at City Hall*
- 19 WEBSTER CLEAN UP WEEK ENDS**

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

## ULTIMATE SLAMMIN' SUMMER CAMP

Beginning April 1, residents can register their children, ages 6-12, for the summer camp that meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with extended hours from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Webster Recreation Center. Find more information at [cityofwebster.com](http://cityofwebster.com).



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# Easter Office Hours

City offices will close at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1 and will remain closed on Friday, April 2. Offices will reopen on Monday, April 5.