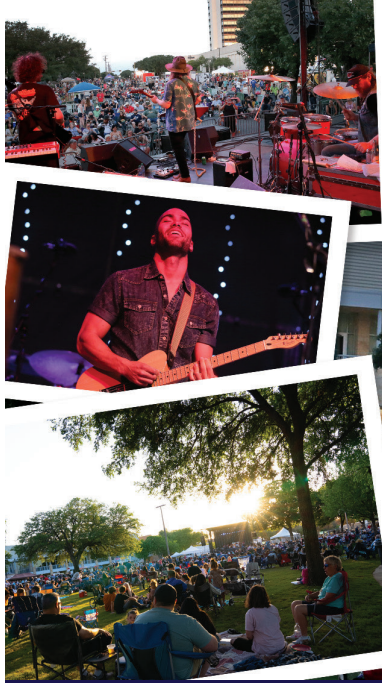




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BRAZOS NIGHTS RETURNS ON MAY 3

Save the Date! Cinco de Mayo Celebration During Brazos Nights



Save the date for Brazos Nights' annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 3 in downtown Waco. The event will feature a free concert at Indian Spring Park, along with a great lineup of local food and drink vendors. Artist announcements are coming soon, so follow Brazos Nights (@brazosnights) on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

Additional concerts will take place on Friday, June 7 at Indian Spring Park and will conclude on Thursday, July 4 with the annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration at McLane Stadium's Touchdown Alley. For more information, visit brazosnightswaco.com.



Donations Needed Drop Off at Any Waco Library



at all library locations in Waco

Our animal shelter partner, the Humane Society of Central Texas, always has a need for dog and cat items.

If you're visiting a Waco-McLennan County Library, bring pet items with you and add them to our donation bins! We'll make sure our furry friends get them at the shelter! The animal shelter currently needs tough toys, puppy food, puppy or kitten formula, four-foot leashes, and treats.

Plus, catch our latest Toy Story themed PSA at waco-texas.com/librarylovesanimals.



Found a Litter of Kittens? Leave the Litter Alone!

In most cases, kittens don't actually need to be rescued. A kitten's best chance of survival is with his or her mother. If the mom is missing, it's likely that she is out hunting or in the process of moving the family one kitten at a time. She will return soon.



If mom hasn't returned for more than eight hours, the kittens may be orphans. During kitten season, shelters are overrun and don't have adequate resources for proper care. If you can, please care for them in your home until they are eight weeks old. For more information, visit waco-texas.com/animals.



2023 Annual Report Now Available!



2023 was a great year made possible by our City Council, City staff, partners, and our incredible residents. The annual report features a financial summary, statistics, and accomplishments from our city departments. Read the full report at waco-texas.com/annualreport.



In Case You Missed It: Lake Air & Challenger Little League Ballpark Reopened!



On Saturday, March 23, we celebrated the opening of the newly completed Challenger and Lake Air Little League Ballpark with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Residents came out to check out the grounds and enjoyed some ballpark treats, including hot dogs and caramel popcorn.

The new complex is located at 2015 N. 44th Street and is home to four baseball fields and two softball fields. The complex also includes two specialized inclusive fields for Challenger Little League with rubberized base paths, pitcher's mound, and batter box to prevent injuries. The inclusive fields also have wheelchair accessible dugouts and a completely flat surface.

We're excited for the upcoming 2024 season! For more information about youth and adult baseball and softball leagues and tournaments, visit teamsideline.com/waco.



175th Anniversary City of Waco Government Over the Years



City of Waco mayor, commissioners, attorney, secretary, and city manager from 1955.

Waco's story of self-government is a fascinating journey through different models of leadership. For decades, the city council was comprised of 10 to 12 alderman (another world for elected leaders that make decisions for our City). In April 1908, voters sought a new approach, opting for a commission form of government with a mayor and four commissioners.

However, Waco's political landscape continued to evolve with the adoption of a city manager system where elected officials appoint an individual to manage the city's administrative responsibilities. In 1924, the commissioners chose hired the City of Waco's first city manager.

The most significant recent change came in November 1987, when voters overwhelmingly approved a popularly elected mayor Today, Waco thrives under the council-manager form of government, a testament to the City's commitment to continuous improvement and resident participation.

Read the full article at waco-texas.com/175.



The COE: Community Opportunity Event Youth, Teens, and Young Adults



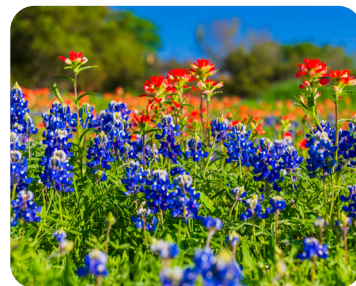
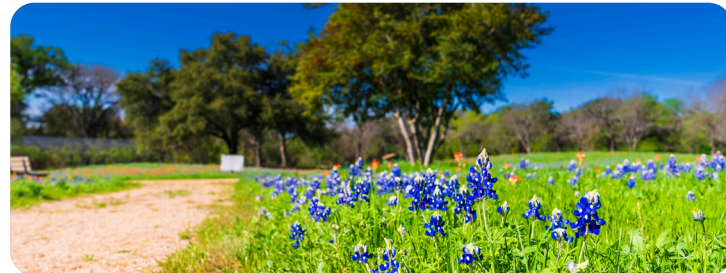
Youth, teens, and young adults are invited to attend The COE (Community Opportunity Event) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 at Dewey Community Center, 925 N Ninth Street. The Waco Police Department, in collaboration with many community organizations, will provide youth with opportunities to connect with life skills, job opportunities, mentoring programs, mental and physical health information, general education development, higher education scholarships, and grant information.

The FREE community event is sponsored by TFNB Your Bank for Life and hosted by Waco Police Department's Neighborhood Engagement Team, Waco AHEC, Waco Family Medicine, and Waco Parks and Recreation.

For the latest updates, visit waco-texas.com/COE.



Spring is In Bloom! Enjoy the Bluebonnets Around Waco



Bluebonnets are in bloom at Miss Nellie's Pretty Place in Cameron Park (and all around Texas)! Did you know Miss Nellie's opened to the public in April 1987 after Congressman W. R. "Bob" Poage made a surprise donation to develop a wildflower preserve in honor of his mother, Helen "Miss Nellie" Conger Poage. The area features a large green space, gardens, and a fountain plaza.

Free Wi-Fi on Waco Transit Stay Connected on Your Bus Commute



Waco Transit System now has free Wi-Fi on all fixed-route buses for passengers to stay connected during their commute. To access the free Wi-Fi, passengers can use their phones to scan the QR code posted in the bus on the green sign. This is the first step toward future enhancements for the passenger experience, including contactless fare payment systems. To find your closest bus route, visit waco-texas.com/transit.



Homeownership Made Affordable

Meet Tanika and Damien Maye: The Mayes were able to become first-time homeowners in 2016 through a combination of the City of Waco's tax foreclosed property program and downpayment assistance program with construction assistance from partner organization, Grassroots Community Development. City of Waco Housing & Community Development uses federal resources to offer residents down payment assistance and home rehabilitation programs. Some residents may even qualify for assistance regardless of income if you live in certain areas of Waco!

Let's build a stronger, more vibrant community, one homeowner at a time. To learn more and start the application process, call a housing representative at (254) 750-5656 or visit waco-texas.com/housing.



Friendly Reminder! Use Paper Bags for Leaves



Leaves must be placed in paper bags or placed in the green yard waste cart. Solid Waste cannot accept leaves in plastic bags. Bagged leaves are taken to be mulched with the bag. Any plastic would contaminate the yard waste. Paper yard waste bags are available for purchase at retail stores.

Leaves are a great natural resource. Instead of bagging leaves, you could mow them and sprinkle them on your lawn, use them to enrich soil, or in composting.

For more information and yard waste tips, visit waco-texas.com/solidwaste.



Registration Opens May 1 Waco Library's 2024 Summer Reading Challenge

Registration opens May 1 for Waco-McLennan County Library's Summer Reading Challenge 2024: Adventures in Time. Download the Beanstack app and sign up to get a free Adventures in Time tote to use all summer long!

Starting June 1, readers of all ages will earn rewards for reading 10, 20, 30, and 40 days. Finishers can enter a raffle for prizes like a My Arcade Mini Arcade Machine, Foldable Mini Drone with Camera, LEGO Icons Back to the Future kit, and an Observer Play Kit.

See our online calendar for the full event schedule at calendar.wacolibrary.org.



Second Annual Edible Book Festival



Join us for our 2nd Annual Edible Book Festival at East Waco Library, 901 Elm Avenue, on Saturday, May 18! Bakers of all ages are invited to create an edible representation of a book, literary figure, book character, literary pun, or plot. Edgar Allen Pie? Hot Dog Man? Get creative!



Submissions must be made of at least 90% edible materials and be room temperature stable. Drop off your submission at East Waco Library on Friday, May 17 before 6 p.m. or by noon on Saturday, May 18. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m.



Volunteer at the Library

The Friends of the Waco-McLennan County Library could always use an extra hand sorting books. To learn more, visit waco-texas.com/libraryfriends. The Friends are volunteers that fundraise and advocate for the Waco Library.



Prevent Accidental Wildfires Quick Steps to Keep Your Community Safe

Always supervise campfires. A stray ember is all it takes for disaster. Douse it completely with water before leaving, and stir the ashes to make sure no hidden embers remain.

Know before you go. Check for local fire restrictions or burn bans before using fireworks or burning yard waste. Even small flames can easily spiral out of control in dry conditions.

Be spark aware! In hot, dry weather, use extreme caution with anything that can spark a flame, including lawnmowers, welding equipment, and even dragging chains along the ground.



YOU'LL MEET SOME RARE BIRDS IN WACO.

PENGUIN SHORES

CAMERON PARK ZOO
COMING SOON



Looking for the Perfect Waco-Themed Gift? Shop at the Waco Welcome Center

The Waco Welcome Center offers a variety of items, including t-shirts, cups, ornaments, hats, sweaters, and more! Visit us in person Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 106 Texas Ranger Trail or anytime in our online shop at MyWacoShop.com!



Help with Investigations Neighborhood Camera Initiative



If you have a video camera on your home or business facing a public area, your video footage could be a valuable tool for detectives in an ongoing investigation. To register your camera, visit wacopolice.com.



Waco Police Memorial Run



The Waco Police Memorial Run is held each year to commemorate officers killed in the line of duty and to recognize the daily commitment of officers. This year, the 5K and 10K will be held on Saturday, May 18. To register and learn more, visit waco-texas.com/memorialrun.



Weekly Classes Eat Well & Stay Active on a Budget!



Create Better Health

Learn about: Join our free six-week class! Learn about meal planning, reading food labels, healthy eating patterns, physical activity, goal setting, resistance training, and injury prevention. Lunch will be provided!

Classes are held at East Waco Library on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Scan the QR code to register.



Parks & Recreation Spring & Summer Fun!



Summer Camp Registration

Registration is open for summer camps at Dewey, Doris Miller, and South Waco Community Centers for kids ages 5 to 13 to enjoy educational and recreational activities, field trips, and more! Camps will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays with breakfast and lunch provided. Three summer sessions are available.

To see pricing and register, visit waco-texas.com/parks.



Youth Track & Field Registration

Registration is open for Team Waco Youth Summer Track & Field for kids ages 5 to 18. The registration fee is \$75 until May 10 and goes up to \$90 between May 13 and 17. The parent's meeting will be held on May 21 at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex (3113 Clay Ave). Practice begins on May 28.

To register, visit waco-texas.com/parks. For questions, contact us at (254) 750-5875.



Mother's Day Brunch

Enjoy a free Mother's Day brunch on Saturday, May 11. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Doris Miller Community Center, 1020 Elm Ave., Ste. 800L. Space is limited, and registration is required. To reserve your spot, call (254) 750-1956

For more events & activities, visit: waco-texas.com/parks



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