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Coming Soon: Costco Wholesale

Opening by the end of 2018

For years, rumors have swirled around the prospect of Costco Wholesale developing a location in Webster. Finally, after 12 years of hard work by the Webster Economic Development Corporation and City Council, the City of Webster is excited to confirm that the rumors are true!

Before the end of 2018, the world's second-largest retailer will be opening in Webster on 20 acres of land near the new roadway network on the west side of I-45.

Costco is one of the greatest retail recruitment victories for the City. The multibillion-dollar global retailer offers the community a robust list of high-quality goods for a low price. The store carries a wide selection of meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, including many organic choices, along with a bakery that offers seasonal favorites and a sheet cake that has proven popular among members.

The warehouse also sells top brand electronics, including cameras, computers, and more at a discounted price. Costco is known for selling their products in bulk, saving the members money in the long run. The new location will even offer members discounted prices on gasoline at its gas station. Members can also take advantage of Costco Optical, Pharmacy, Photo, and Travel for memberships as low as \$60 annually.

"Webster welcomes the world's second-largest retailer to the city's west side where Costco will experience great success in this vibrant market," Mayor Donna Rogers said. "Costco's advent to Webster is of great significance to the city in many ways, and I will be one of the first customers in line with a shopping cart, as Costco is a leader in so many categories."

Currently, of the 746 warehouse clubs across the globe, there are eight locations in the Houston area. The City is excited to see the project finally come to fruition and for Webster residents to have this popular retailer right around the corner.

SWING BY THE ANNUAL

Health Fair

**HOME RUN FOR HEALTH
TUESDAY, MARCH 27
FROM 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.**

Annually, the City of Webster sponsors a free Health and Wellness Fair designed to provide the local population with opportunities to meet with over 60 healthcare vendors.

The 2018 Health and Wellness Fair is set for March 27 with a baseball theme.

Attendees can consult with a variety of healthcare vendors, participate in screenings and exams, and gain awareness of new services, products, and technologies.

Webster Public Safety (police, fire, and emergency medical services) will join the representatives from the healthcare industry to provide attendees with educational materials, product samples, and consultations.

The 2018 City of Webster Health and Wellness Fair is an opportune time to visit with experts from many fields - such as fitness, dentistry, sleep medicine, chiropractic, social services, assisted living, and much more.

The event will transpire on Tuesday, March 27, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Webster Civic Center, located at 311 Pennsylvania Avenue.

For more information, contact Human Resources Coordinator Lupe Estrada at 281.316.4145



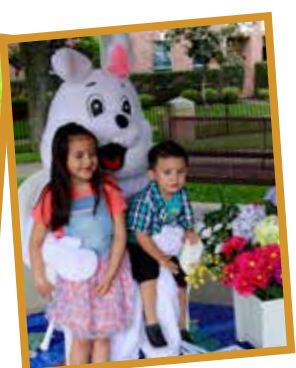
MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Join us for the City of Webster's very first Movie Night in the Park! On Friday, March 16 the City of Webster Public Works and Engineering Department will be sponsoring a free movie night at Texas Avenue Park, 17100 Texas Avenue.

Beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a display of Public Works equipment and family activities. The Police and Fire Department will have equipment on display with personnel available to meet the public.

Popcorn and hot dogs will be served and E.T. - The Extra Terrestrial will be shown at 7 p.m.

The community is invited to bring chairs or blankets, and no alcohol or pets will be permitted. Call Public Works at 281.316.3700 for more information.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31

Peter Cottontail will be at Walnut Park on Saturday, March 31 for the annual City of Webster Easter Egg Hunt!

The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. at Walnut Park, 400 North Walnut Street. ***It is recommended that the community arrive early!***

This is a free event for children up to 10 years of age. There will also be a senior division at the same time. Prizes will be awarded for special eggs.

Following the hunt, Peter Cottontail will be at the Park Gazebo for children to visit and take photos.

Call 281.316.4137 for more information.

CELEBRATING 285 YEARS OF SERVICE

Honoring 2017 Award Recipients

The City of Webster takes pride in the many employees who have spent multiple years serving the community. During the 2018 Service Awards Luncheon, 24 employees were recognized for their dedication and drive.

5-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Michael Castaneda, Public Works · Andres Chapa, Community Development · Heather Cherry, Community Development · Evan DuVall, Community Development · Dennis Lemaster, Public Works · Jennifer Tobey, Public Works.

10-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Warren Chappell, Fire · Charles Dostal, Public Works · Lynette Jordan, Fire · Brenda Muniz, Police · Leoncio Perez, Public Works · Crystal Roan, City Secretary · Leroy Romero, Police · Cindy Shung, Community Development · Patty Stav, Court · Jason Tovar, Police.

15-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Leslie Folks, Police · Stephen Shen, Finance · Tiffany Swanson, Police.

20-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Jeffrey Cargile, Police · Howard Myers, Public Works · John Warnement, Public Works.

25-YEAR RECIPIENTS: Richard Horbach, Police · Denise Thomason, Police.



February

POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH: OFFICER GARY WIRT

Congratulations to our first winner of the newly reinstated Webster Police Department Employee of the Month program, Officer Gary Wirt!

Officer Wirt was selected as the winner by a three-person panel of PD employees. The officer was nominated by two different supervisors for his part in helping to capture an armed suspect who was wanted in a shooting which occurred in Dickinson, Texas back on January 12, 2018.

In this situation, Officer Wirt's level-headed demeanor, and years of experience were evident, resulting in the capture of the suspect without additional injury to anyone else. Great Work Gary!



WE ARE WEBSTER

MEET DR. TIM HUGHES
30 YEAR WEBSTER RESIDENT

Growing up in Buffalo, New York, Dr. Tim Hughes didn't mind the cold. It was after working for his family's construction business through three treacherous winters that he changed his mind.

He came to Texas to attend Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, and he graduated in late 1987, became licensed in early 1988, and in 1990, he opened a private practice in Texas City.

At one point, while he was still in college, he bought a small boat, and wanted to live closer to the water. According to Tim, the Clear Lake area was an obvious choice. So, in 1988, he moved into his first apartment in Webster.

"Over time, I began to enjoy the relaxed and friendly sense of community of the Webster area, and I eventually bought property here and had my first home built," he said.

"I like this area because we can enjoy the availability of goods and services, recreation, and entertainment associated with living close to Houston, without the traffic congestion and higher crime rates of the big city."

A lot has changed in the City since Tim first moved here. When Tim first arrived in Webster, he recalled that El Camino Real was a two-lane road, and the streets in his subdivision were paved but had open ditches and they did not have sidewalks.

"The streets and thoroughfares have undergone continuous improvement in response to the many small businesses that have moved into the area," Tim described. "The population was about 4,500 people, and we are on track to double that very soon."

Tim has watched the City grow both residentially and commercially as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The position on the commission has allowed him to stay abreast of upcoming changes in Webster, contribute to maintaining the sense of community, and help keep the City moving forward in a positive way.

Along with staying involved in the City, Tim



stays busy with work, as he is a Doctor of Chiropractic and a Designated Doctor for the Texas Department of Insurance- Division of Workers Compensation. He frequently travels around to 30 different locations around Texas to perform examinations for injured workers in an effort to help settle cases.

When he isn't working, Tim is riding around town on his motorcycle, scuba diving, fishing, or cooking. He also enjoys creating stained glass, visiting art exhibits, and attending local events.

"I chose to stay in Webster because I have made my home here," Tim said. "We are close to Houston, two major airports, and the Gulf Coast."

"I hope that Webster continues to grow in a positive way while maintaining our own individual small-town charm."

Nominate an outstanding citizen that you know to be featured in an upcoming edition of the Webster Way Newsletter.

Send nominations to kstamy@cityofwebster.com, and tell us why you think they should be featured in the newsletter.

Female **FIRST RESPONDERS**

Meet the brave women of the Webster Police and Fire Department. In honor of International Women's Day on March 8, some of Webster's female first responders are telling the community about their experience as a first responder, and what it's like to be a woman in a male-dominated career.



OFFICER EDITH QUINTANA

When she began working at a Constable's Office her senior year of high school, Edith knew that she wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. She graduated from the police academy in 2004 and has been with the City of Webster since 2006.

"Being a female police officer has its challenges, but also rewarding moments. There are many cases where the simple fact that you are a female has lightened the mood," she explained.

"Female victims sometimes request and are able to speak more openly with other females about private matters. Other times, we get tested to see how tough we really are. But in the end, police officers have to be the same regardless of gender. Compassionate, courageous, and righteous."



OFFICER TOSHA RAMIREZ

Officer Ramirez was sworn in as a Webster Police Officer in March 2017. Law Enforcement caught her attention when she was little but she never thought it was a possibility. It was in 2012 that she began looking into the career path and discovered it was an opportunity she couldn't pass up.

"It's been pretty cool," Tosha said. "I'm at a really good department where everyone looks out for each other."

As for advice for other women pursuing a law enforcement career: "Don't let being a female be the only thing everyone sees," she explained. "You can do just as much as everyone else, if not more."



OFFICER BRENDA MUNIZ

For the past 15 years, Officer Muniz has been a Police Officer, and 11 of those years she has been with Webster. She patrols the streets every day with her K9 partner Puio, a 3-year-old German Shepherd.

"Growing up I witnessed and lived several violent and life-changing struggles in which I felt hopeless at times," she explained. "A desire in me to help those that feel like I had before, allowed me to focus on how I could make a difference in this career path."

"Although being a female officer sometimes presents challenges, I see them as opportunities for both personal and professional growth. As I get myself and my K9 partner ready for work each day, I think about how glad I am to have this opportunity to do this job."



FIREFIGHTER AMANDA BLACK

Amanda is the Webster Fire Department's very first female firefighter. She joined the Webster family in February 2018 and comes with 8 years of experience in Texas City and La Marque. Joining the fire service came spontaneously after Hurricane Ike floods took away her job in Galveston. She was driving around when she saw a billboard recruiting firefighters and she decided to sign up for the fire academy.

"Being a female firefighter is great," she said. "We are all trained the same and go through the same stuff, so there is no question about skill or ability."

"My advice for any females who want to pursue a career in public service is to do it, don't give up, and prove people wrong because you can make a difference."

SPRING *cleaning*

March 19-23, 2018

Beginning Monday, March 19 the City will provide FREE curbside pickup of trash, furniture, appliances, tree limbs, etc. Curbside pick up will continue through Friday, March 23.

Discarded items may also be disposed of at these designated dumpsters:

- 855 Magnolia Ave. - Public Works Service Center
- 311 Pennsylvania Ave. - Civic Center Complex
- 901 Whitehall St. - Green Acres Park

Please do not dispose of items such as tires, paint in containers, and unknown chemicals in containers. No heavy items over 250 lbs., vehicle engines, trailers or chemicals.



HAPPY EASTER!

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

THE CITY OF WEBSTER OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29 FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER HOLIDAY. CITY OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 2.



ON THE ROAD FOR A REASON 5K FUN RUN ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday, March 3, the Bay Area Alliance for Youth & Families will be On the Road for a Reason during their annual 5K Run/Walk.

The following roads will be closed for the event:

- Walnut St. southbound lanes will be closed, but a single northbound lane will be open.
- Magnolia Ave. will be closed in all lanes between Walnut St., and Kobayashi Rd.
- The outside northbound lane of Kobayashi Rd. will be closed and the other three lanes will remain open.
- NASA 1 Bypass westbound lanes and overpass will be closed to traffic but eastbound lanes will be open.

The roadways will be closed beginning at 6:30 a.m. and will reopen at 10 a.m.

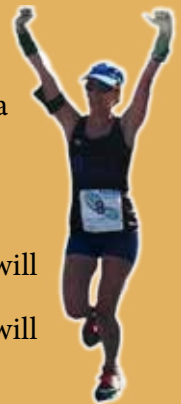


Photo from Paul White



Meet Webster's Eaglets **TEX AND YELLOW ROSE**

On January 20, the first of the Webster eggs, Tex, hatched and soon after, Yellow Rose made her entrance. The pair have been growing and quickly maturing.

Webster resident Paul White is inviting you to join in and follow the fun with a new Facebook group. You can find the group by searching Webster Texas Eagle Watchers.

Request to join and check out the latest eagle videos and participate in the discussion with nearly 2,000 other members.

▼ COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send in your photos for the 2019 Community Calendar! Send in photos by August 1 to kstamy@cityofwebster.com, or drop them off at Webster City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania Ave.

Once the photos have been collected, they will be posted onto the City Facebook page for the community to decide on the top 12 photos to feature in the calendar.

Join in on the fun and show us how you shop, dine and play the Webster way for a chance to be featured!

▼ TAX - AIDE ENDS APRIL 17

AARP is here in Webster to help you with your taxes. Stop in before they leave on April 17!

AARP representatives are offering FREE tax - aide at the Webster Recreation Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., during the following hours:

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m., Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

▼ YARD OF THE MONTH

Pull out your shovels and start those lawn mowers because Yard of the Month judging is back!

Extra planning could get your yard noticed by the judges and featured on the Webster social media pages and in the newsletter.

Judging takes place from April - October, so start planning and maybe your yard will be a winner this year!

▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 3 and April 17 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on **Tuesday, April 10 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

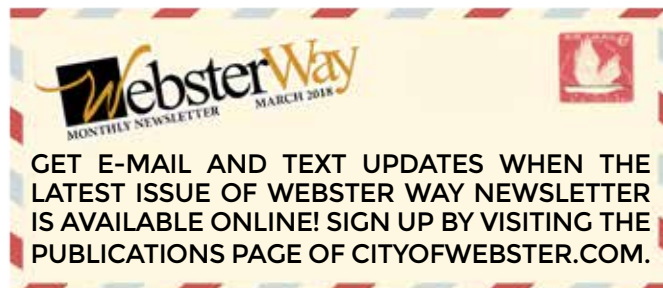
Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check cityofwebster.com for meeting information.

▼ SLAMMIN' SUMMER CAMP

Summer isn't summer without the Ultimate Slammin' Summer Camp! During four two - week sessions, children have the opportunity to learn and have fun all summer long.

From April 1 - April 30 residents can register their children from ages 6 - 12, for the summer camp that meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration per session for residents is \$75 for the first child and \$65 for each additional child.



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All officials and offices can be reached using the main number

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Civic Center Rental 281.316.4108

Police (Non-emergency) 281.332.2426

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Tickets-To Pay By Credit Card 281.338.6702


Utility Billing 281.316.4120

Water/Sewer Line Breaks 281.316.3700



March 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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On the Road for a Reason 5K Fun Run
 Clear View HS
 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
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Webster Tae Kwon Do
 Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday

City Council Meeting
 6 p.m.

Webster Aerobics
 Every Monday & Wednesday
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Senior Game Night
 6-9:30 p.m.

Webster Aerobics
 Every Saturday
 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
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Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting*
 6 p.m.

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Webster Movie Night
 6 p.m.


St. Patrick's Day


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Spring Clean-Up Week Begins

City Council Meeting
 6 p.m.
First Day of Spring

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Spring Clean-Up Week Ends
Senior Game Night
 6-9:30 p.m.

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