



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.

Peter Cottontail will be at Walnut Park on Saturday, April 3, for the annual City of Webster Easter Egg Hunt!

The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Walnut Park 400 N. Walnut St. It is recommended that the community arrive at the event early.

This is a free event for children up to 10 years of age. There will also be a senior citizen 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.

Social distancing will be encouraged, and masks are recommended during the event. Call 281.316.4137 for more information.

CITY COUNCIL

Donna Rogers
Mayor

Jennifer Heidt
Council Member Position 1

Andrea Wilson
Council Member Position 2

Larry Tosto
Council Member Position 3

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Council Member Position 4

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Council Member Position 5

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Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member Position 6

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281.332.1826

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

Fire (Non-emergency)
281.332.2711

Police (Non-emergency)
281.332.2426

Public Works
281.316.3700

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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.

Webster Way

Ultimate Slammmin' Summer Camp

RESIDENTS MAY REGISTER FOR THE ULTIMATE SLAMMIN' SUMMER CAMP BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2021!

Each year, the Webster Summer camp entertains children during four, two-week sessions. Campers will go on one field trip per session, including Main Event, Typhoon Texas, Kemah Boardwalk, and Moody Gardens. Other days are filled with crafts, interactive games, educational activities, and more.

Non-residents may begin to register on May 4, 2021. Registration per session for residents is \$75 for the first child and \$65 for each additional child. For non-residents, it is \$200 for the first child and \$180 for each additional child.

Go to cityofwebster.com to find the registration form, or visit the Recreation Center at 311 Pennsylvania Ave. to register. Please bring proof of residency, proof of age, a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license numbers for parents and emergency contacts, a copy of shot records, and a copy of medical insurance.

***Subject to Change**

JUST BALLIN'

JUNE 7 - JUNE 18

FIELD TRIP: MAIN EVENT

FUN IN THE SUN

JUNE 21 - JULY 2

FIELD TRIP: TYPHOON TEXAS WATER PARK

A TICKET TO BOARDWALK

JULY 5 - JULY 16

FIELD TRIP: KEMAH BOARDWALK

JUST SWIMMIN' AROUND

JULY 19 - JULY 30

FIELD TRIP: MOODY GARDENS PALM BEACH

AGES: 6 - 12 YEARS OLD

PROGRAM HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

(EXTENDED HOURS

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.)

Fees per session for residents:

\$75 for the first child

\$65 for each additional child

\$20 extra for extended hours

Fees per session for non- residents:

\$200 for the first child

\$180 for each additional child

\$40 extra for extended hours

WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER | 311 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. WEBSTER, TX 77598

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THE HERO BEHIND THE CALL

DEBORAH COOLEY PROMOTED TO LEAD TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Nearly 25 years ago, Deborah Cooley answered her very first phone call as a Webster Telecommunications Officer. This career was not the path she had initially seen for herself. But, a friend in law enforcement encouraged her to apply for the job in Webster, and the rest is history.

Telecommunications Officers are the first point of contact for citizens and a lifeline for field personnel. The Webster Police Department Communications Division provides service to the citizens and first responders of Webster and Nassau Bay, as well as to the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, Southeast EMS, and Lakeview Police Department. It is a high-stress work environment, and dispatchers must be prepared to handle any situation that arises.

"When I was in high school, I originally wanted to become a police officer," Deborah recalled. "But then I got married and had kids, and once I became a mom, I knew I no longer had the guts for it."

Telecommunications fell in line with her original passion and desire to serve and help others, so she applied and was hired in November of 1996.

At the end of 2020, Deborah Cooley was promoted to Lead Telecommunications Officer, supervising a night shift.

"I look forward to providing great service to our citizens and officers, no matter how big or small their needs are," she said. "I want to lead my team by example and let them know they are valued employees and an important part of our organization."

"Over the past 25 years, Lead TCO Cooley has been an invaluable asset to the Webster Police Department," said Police Captain John Vaughn, who supervises the Support Services Division. "She has a true desire to help people and an unparalleled work ethic. It's an honor to work alongside such a dedicated and compassionate employee and she has been a great example of what a public servant should be."

April 11-17, 2021, is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. We celebrate the Webster Telecommunications personnel and thank the team for their hard work keeping the community safe.



THE THIN GOLD LINE

THE GOLD LINE LIES BETWEEN THE BLUE AND RED. THEY ARE ALWAYS HEARD BUT RARELY SEEN. THEY ARE THE HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES. THE CALM VOICE IN THE DARK. THANK YOU TO ALL THE WEBSTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS!



COUNCIL MEMBER BEVERLY GAINES CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL

For the sixth consecutive year, Webster Council Member Beverly Gaines has been designated a Certified Municipal Official by the Texas Municipal League.

She is one of 43 public officials in Texas recognized as a Certified Municipal Official. This designation is earned by elected officials who have completed 54 hours or more of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) with two hours of open government training in one calendar year.

Although the number of hours required was lowered to 54 due to COVID-19, Council Member Gaines was still able to complete more than 72 hours.

The City of Webster thanks Council Member Beverly Gaines for her commitment to furthering her professional development in city government.

WELCOME TO WEBSTER *New Businesses Coming Soon!*

THE COOKSHACK | 160 W. Bay Area Blvd.

Opening this summer, The Cookshack will bring its tasty, popular, and wildly successful hot chicken and ribs concept to the area. Guests have the option of five different levels of heat to adorn their chicken and ribs.

GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL | 20251 Gulf Fwy.

The phenomenal indoor swim school will open in the second half of 2021. Goldfish Swim School offers various programs, such as swim lessons, family swim, parties, a competition team, and more!

TEXAS PIT STOP BBQ | 20794 Gulf Fwy.

The family-owned barbecue restaurant will open soon in Webster. Texas Pit Stop BBQ will offer mouth-watering barbecue, delicious sides, and sweet desserts at the former Pappas BBQ location.

USA NINJA CHALLENGE | 309 Ibis St.

USA Ninja Challenge is opening soon inside the NASA Bypass Business Park. The business's obstacle course program is for children ages 4-17 and designed to meet the requirements of a full physical fitness regimen for today's youth.





The Webster community is in great care with hospitals like HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake nearby. These Webster healthcare heroes have gone above and beyond for patients and colleagues during the global pandemic.

Pictured above: HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake staff celebrated Crystal Gutierrez as she was safely discharged after a 152-day stay due to COVID-19.

A MIRACLE RECOVERY

Texas City resident Crystal Gutierrez was pregnant with her fourth child when she tested positive for COVID-19 on June 26. She was admitted to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake and soon after had an emergency C-section to deliver her son at 36 weeks pregnant.

The baby tested negative for the virus and was able to go home with his father, Rafael, and three brothers after a few weeks in the neonatal ICU.

"Mrs. Gutierrez's condition worsened, and she spent several months in the hospital staying in multiple units including the ICU, IMCU (intermediate care unit), and the inpatient rehabilitation," said HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake chief medical officer Carl Vartian, M.D. "So many of our clinical colleagues were rooting for her recovery and safe discharge home. COVID-19 took quite a toll on her body and affected multiple systems. Her treatment plan required a multidisciplinary approach, and I am very proud of the medical staff, nursing, and support colleagues who provided outstanding care to Mrs. Gutierrez throughout her 152-day stay."

Gutierrez was able to return home just two days before Thanksgiving. She is still weak but is continuing additional therapies to regain her strength and endurance levels to help take care of her children.

"The boys and I had missed her so much while she was away, and we are so thankful for all the doctors, nurses, therapists, and other hospital staff that took such good care of her," said Rafael Gutierrez. "We were very scared, and I just kept praying that she would get well. I thank God that we have been able to bring her home."

When asked how she felt when leaving the hospital, Gutierrez said, "This is an amazing feeling. It's been a very long battle, with an amazing staff that has taken great care of me and allowed me to be a walking miracle."



HCA Houston Healthcare clinical education specialist Laura Butler.

FEEDING THE SOLDIERS

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic intensified and retailers struggled to keep shelves stocked, HCA Healthcare Houston Clear Lake healthcare workers resorted to buying groceries from their hospital cafeteria. Seemingly overnight, the professional and personal lives of healthcare workers completely changed.

Generous Bay Area businesses and caring citizens answered the call to support the healthcare workers by donating food.

HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake clinical education specialist Laura Butler was one of those caring individuals. She had recently returned to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake after spending several years at a teaching institution. She came back to support the StaRN program, which helps recent nurse graduates identify the type of clinical unit or specialty they would like to pursue.

Butler spent her spare time parenting her four children, and managing her non-profit, the Anna Cheri Foundation. Founded in 2017 after Butler adopted her fourth child with husband Doug, the non-profit serves to financially assist families adopting children.

Unable to host the annual fundraiser last April, Butler shifted gears to adopt nurses, doctors, and other healthcare providers on the frontline.

"I put out the word to my friends and community members to adopt a healthcare worker, thinking that I could at least feed the StaRN residents," Butler explained. "I partnered with a local restaurant, Savannah Café & Bakery, and told them about my plan to feed the soldiers."

The immediate response was overwhelming. Butler received enough donations to purchase 60 meals within the first hour.

"When I delivered the first box, the staff were so sweet and thankful for the food. Many of them had not eaten all day," she recalled.

In addition to feeding her colleagues in Webster, Butler was also able to provide meals for hundreds of colleagues at HCA Houston Healthcare affiliates in Texas City, Pasadena, and Houston. She also provided meals to several other healthcare organizations, including hospitals in Colorado, Georgia, and Virginia.

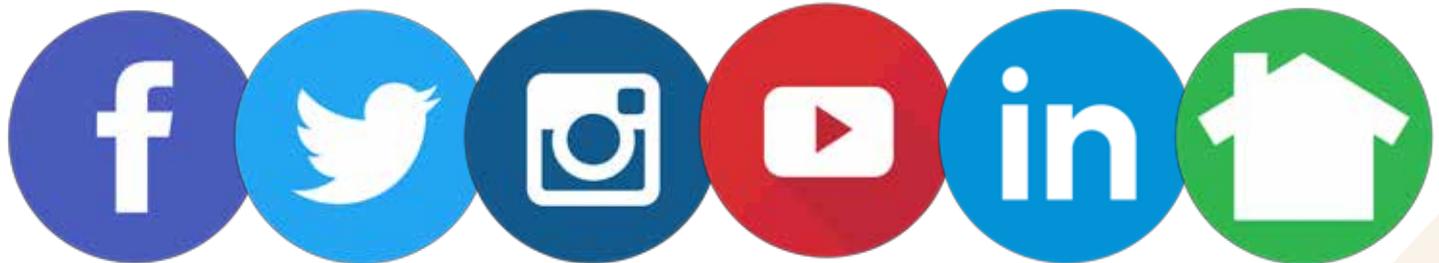
"Feeding the soldiers helped me stay positive and busy during this unique time," said Butler. "I was so pleased that so many people wanted to help me feed hundreds of people in my HCA Houston Healthcare work family. It was a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the hard work our friends on the frontlines are doing to care for our community during such an uncertain time."

Over just two months, Butler and her donors were able to feed over 1,000 healthcare workers.

2021 EVENT CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 15 TIME TBD Public Safety & Public Works Event	FRIDAY, JUNE 4 8:30 P.M. Concert at the Park <i>The Fuse</i>	SUNDAY, JULY 4 5 P.M. Fourth of July Celebration	FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 8:30 P.M. Movie in the Park <i>Film to be determined</i>	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 6 P.M. Halloween Festival
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***SUBJECT TO CHANGE* CHECK THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES**



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AARP TAX AIDE UNTIL APRIL 15

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

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.

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CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS GOVERNMENT

APRIL 2021

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 01** **EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE**
Offices close at 12:30 p.m.
- 02** **EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE**
Offices closed
- 03** **EASTER EGG HUNT**
Begins promptly at 10 a.m.
- 04** **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 06** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 13** **WEBSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING***
6 p.m. at City Hall
- 20** **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.

Memorial Day
OFFICE HOURS

We thank and honor the true heroes of our country.

Webster offices will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, June 1.

SWIFT 911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Hurricane season is almost here. Signing up for emergency notifications is simple. Download the FREE Swift 911 mobile app on any smartphone app store, or visit cityofwebster.com and search Swift 911.

