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Autumn adventures. Cooler weather.

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Join Us for Halloween Fun in Waco!



Doris Miller & Dewey Community Centers Trunk-or-Treat Event

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6 to 7:30 p.m. at Doris Miller Community Center, 1020 Elm Ave., Suite 800L
Candy, cars, and costumes! Join us for a trunk-full of fun!

2nd Annual Literary Haunted House

OCTOBER 25 - 26 & OCTOBER 28 - 31

10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at South Waco Library, 2737 S. 18th Street

Put the 'boo' in books! Watch your favorite villains come to life with bubbling potions, exhibits, and so much more at this not-too-scary haunted house. Open to all ages (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult).

Waco Police Department Trunk or Treat

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Follow the Waco Police Department on social media (@wacopolice) for the location and time announcement coming soon.

WIC Boo Bash

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

3 to 6 p.m. at Waco-McLennan Public Health, 225 W Waco Drive

Visit the Health District for healthy Halloween snacks, trick-or-treating throughout the building, and fun activities.

South Waco Community Center & Athletics Division Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat Event

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

6 to 8 p.m. at South Waco Community Center, 2815 Speight Ave.

Take a sweet ride through South Waco Park to pick up pre-packaged candy.

Even More Fall Fun Around Waco



Brew at the Zoo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Tickets are on sale now for Cameron Park Zoo's annual Brew at the Zoo presented by JRBT. Must be 21 years or older to participate. Purchase tickets at cameronparkzoo.com.



Fall Fossil Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

You're invited to enjoy local exhibitors, live camels, pumpkin decorating, fossil identification, a mock dig pit experience and more. Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Waco Mammoth National Monument, 6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive. Admission is free.



H-E-B Zoo Stampede

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Run! Don't waddle! Registration is open for the annual H-E-B Zoo Stampede. Register early for the best pricing. Shirts are guaranteed through October 28. Register at cameronparkzoo.com.

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Free Pet Vaccine & Microchip Clinic

Calling Waco & McLennan County Pet Owners



Join us from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 at Brazos Park East (3516 N Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd) for a FREE microchip and pet vaccination event! While supplies last. All pets of City of Waco residents can receive free microchips, rabies vaccines (if your animal is spayed/neutered), and DAPP (distemper adenovirus parvo parainfluenza) vaccinations.

If your animal is NOT spayed or neutered, vaccines and microchips will cost \$10. For McLennan County residents outside of Waco city limits, rabies vaccinations will cost \$10 regardless of spay/neuter status. Make sure to bring your proof of residence! **Learn more at waco-texas.com/microchipevent.**



Plug Into Community Conversations Conference

Registration Closes October 18

Waco-McLennan Public Health is proud to present its second annual conference — Plug into Community Conversations — on November 6 at the Waco Convention Center. This conference aims to continue closing the gap between theory and practice, equipping participants with actionable steps to have the hard conversations our community needs to improve our health status. Sessions cover communication strategies, maternal health, mental wellness, education, and a Q&A panel on burnout and wellness in the workplace. **To register, visit waco-texas.com/communityconversations.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Don't miss Dr. Aida Gooden's presentation, "Practicing Compassion for Resilience and Mental Wellness."

Continuing education credit for multiple disciplines will be provided for this activity.



National Fire Prevention Week: Oct 6-12

Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You

Most of us don't realize that we have just two minutes to escape a home fire. Roughly two-thirds of residential fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms, primarily due to missing or expired batteries. This year, make smoke alarms work for you!

Through the Home Fire Campaign, the Waco Fire Department, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will help install free smoke alarms and teach residents about home fire safety. Since the program started in 2014, the Red Cross and local partners like the Waco Fire Department have installed over 2.5 million smoke alarms and helped more than 1 million households become safer from home fires. **To request service and learn more, visit waco-texas.com/smokealarm.**



Waco Police Invests in Building Community Partnerships



Unite Against Crime on National Night Out

National Night Out celebrates 41 years, and this year, it will be held on Tuesday, October 1. National Night Out (NNO) is designed for neighbors to come together and present a unified force in the fight against crime in our community. Neighbors can unite through block parties, social events, or neighborhood association meetings. Gatherings can include games, decorations, food, drinks, or simply time spent visiting with your neighbors. The Waco Police Department will visit registered National Night Out events on October 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. **For the full calendar of events, visit waco-texas.com/NNO.**



Waco PD Joins Forces with Faith Leaders

This year, Faith & Blue Week will be held from September 29 through October 7. Part of a national initiative, Faith & Blue Week creates meaningful connections between law enforcement and the public through faith-based organizations. We have faith in our people, and we believe that communities of faith do a phenomenal job already. However, by working together and being better informed, we can all have an even greater impact on our City. Throughout the week, the Waco Police Department will be attending events and activities hosted by local organizations. **For the full calendar, visit waco-texas.com/faithandblue.**



Discover Your Roots

Research Your Family History



Join West Waco Library & Genealogy Center for the 23rd Annual Genealogy Lock In from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 18! It's a full day of speakers, research help, information about local resources, and door prizes. This event is free and open to the public! **Register at wacolibrary.org to attend virtually or in person.**



Free Estate Planning Workshop

Simple Steps. Big Impact.

City of Waco Housing & Community Development is teaming up with Greater Waco Legal Services, Your Tangled Title, and Baylor University Law School to offer a free estate planning workshop. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at Dewey Community Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to get help at no cost with essential estate planning documents, such as transfer-on-death deeds or wills. Legal professionals and law students will be on hand to provide guidance throughout the process, so that Waco residents can prevent property ownership issues in the future like tangled titles.

A tangled title occurs when there is uncertainty about property ownership. This can lead to legal and financial challenges for heirs and beneficiaries. The City of Waco hopes to help community members secure their future and legacy. No appointments are necessary. **To learn more, visit waco-texas.com/estateplanning.**



Parks & Recreation: Community & Athletics Programs



Parents as Teachers

The Parents as Teachers Workshop provides strategies and resources parents can use at home to help their students in grades 3-12. The free workshop will be from 6 to 6:45 p.m. at Dewey Community Center (925 N. 9th Street) on October 3, November 7 and December 5. Registration is not required. For information, call (254) 750-8677.



Fundamentals of Basketball

Registration opens September 16 for the Fundamentals of Basketball youth program at Doris Miller Community Center (1020 Elm Ave., Ste. 800L). Participants ages 5-14 will learn skills, including dribbling, passing, and shooting. The program runs from October 7 to 31. **To register and learn more, visit waco-texas.com/parksandrec.**



Fall Youth Futsal League

Registration is open from September 16 to October 18 for the fall youth futsal league. Individual registration for the eight-game season is \$50. (Fee increases to \$60 from October 14 to 18.) Divisions ranging from 4 years old to high school are available. For questions, call (254) 750-5875. **To register, visit teamsideline.com/waco.**

Save the Date for Upcoming Solid Waste Cleanup Events



Scrap Tire Collection Day: Keep Mosquitoes & Pests Away

Join us for the annual Scrap Tire Collection Day from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 at 501 Schroeder Drive. Old tires aren't just an eyesore. They're also a breeding ground for mosquitoes and pests. By properly disposing of your scrap tires, you're protecting our neighborhoods from potential health hazards. All collected tires will be recycled, diverting them from the landfill. To participate, you must be a Waco resident with a City of Waco utility account. **Visit waco-texas.com/scraptire to pre-register and learn more about the type of scrap tires that will be accepted.**



District Cleanups: Curbside Residential Waste Pickup

The City of Waco's District Cleanup program offers residents a free and convenient way to dispose of unwanted items like furniture, mattresses, swing sets, yard waste, and more. All you need to do is place your items at your curb on your designated date, and our crews will collect it for you. **Visit waco-texas.com/cleanup to find your district and learn more.** Cleanups will be on the following Saturdays:

- District 3 - November 2, 2024
- District 4 - December 7, 2024
- District 5 - January 11, 2024
- District 1 - February 8, 2024
- District 2 - March 8, 2024



Discover Your Waco: Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard



Texas Ranger Museum Receives Tripadvisor Award

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum was awarded the 2024 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award. The recognition is awarded to the best travel experiences worldwide based on reviews and opinions of travelers over a 12-month period. Less than 1 percent of Tripadvisor's 8 million listings achieved this international award. Explore captivating exhibits, artifacts, and interactive displays that bring Texas Ranger history to life — perfect for locals and visitors alike! Visit texasranger.org to plan your visit.



Waco Designated Tourism Friendly Community

The City of Waco is honored to be selected as one of Governor Greg Abbott's inaugural Tourism Friendly Communities in Texas. This designation was awarded to Waco based on our history of being one of Texas' most welcoming communities and one of the most sought-after destinations in the state. Don't miss out on what the rest of Texas is raving about! Explore Waco like a tourist in your own hometown. Visit destinationwaco.org to rediscover your Waco.



Celebrating Our Vibrant Food Scene For a Good Cause

Waco Restaurant Week is a weeklong celebration of Waco's vibrant food scene. From October 18 - 25, participating restaurants, food trucks, bars, and coffee shops will offer a special menu to engage new and existing customers. Every registration fee is donating back to Keep Waco Beautiful, a City of Waco-supported organization that educates and empowers businesses to operate sustainably. Register your restaurant or find upcoming events at wacorestaurantweek.com.



Axtell Property For Sale Rustic 136.38-Acre Tract and House



Offering the perfect blend of rustic charm and modern comfort, this property in Axtell, Texas is ideal for a weekend getaway, permanent residence, cattle ranch, or investment opportunity. It offers the convenience of being close to Waco with the privacy of the countryside. The property features two large bedrooms, a loft, two bathrooms, a patio with a large wood fire pit, a three-car carport, a high fence enclosing 131 acres, and a pond.

Property viewings will be held on September 27 and October 2, 7, 10, and 18. The minimum bid for sales price is \$764,779.00, and the deadline for bid submissions is at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 21. For more information about the property and viewing times, visit cityofwacoproperties.com.



Upcoming Public Meetings Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Waco MPO invites you to learn about Convey 2050, a plan to shape tomorrow's transportation today. The Waco MPO serves multiple government agencies in the greater Waco area to develop long-range transportation plans and manage funding spent on transportation, including roads, highways, buses, and trains.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
McLennan Community College, 1400 College Drive, Mac Room 111

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: 5 to 7 p.m.
Bellmead Civic Center Auditorium, 3900 Parrish St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9: 5 to 7 p.m.
Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Waco Transit Admin Building, 301 S 8th St., Suite 100

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15: 5 to 7 p.m.
South Waco Community Center, 2815 Speight Ave.



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