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Spring Update from Mayor Qourzal

Dear Woodway Residents,

With Spring just around the corner, it is my pleasure to announce the start of construction on the brand-new Woodway Family Center!

This state-of-the-art facility will be an incredible asset to our community, offering a wide range of recreational activities that will benefit all Woodway residents for years to come. The WFC will feature a variety of fun and engaging elements for the whole family, including full-size courts for basketball and volleyball, a spacious event venue for rentals, and much more! In addition, the WFC will offer regular sports leagues, family movie nights, and special programming just for our senior residents.

Many past city leaders worked hard on this vision, and I am certain it will be a great source of pride for generations. This project symbolizes decades of hard work and dedication capping a major milestone for our city. We anticipate construction to take between 7 to 10 months. Your support has been crucial and I thank you for being part of this historic endeavor. It is truly a beautiful community center for a beautiful city.

I am also happy to report that the Carleen Bright Arboretum has reopened after a period of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Arboretum has long showcased Woodway's natural beauty and today provides a great space to explore, have a picnic, go bird-watching and maybe even play a round of giant Chess! During its closure, we took the opportunity to give the Arboretum a much-needed renovation, and I am confident you will be pleased with the changes. Bring the whole family and enjoy all that the arboretum has to offer.



I am delighted to see the Woodway Family Center open its doors later this year, and I am equally excited to welcome you back to the Carleen Bright Arboretum. These two gems remind us how great it is to live in Woodway!

Sincerely, Mayor Amine Qourzal



Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 2023



The City of Waco is providing residents of Waco, Bellmead, Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, and Woodway with a FREE service for disposal of hazardous waste. Pre-registered residents have access to the "Fast Lane" to skip the line. Please provide an ID and city utility bill for proof of residency upon arrival at 501 Schroeder Drive. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, please visit: waco-texas.com/Events-Activities/HHWDEvent. The pre-registration form can be found there as well. For any questions, please contact the City of Waco Solid Waste Department at 254.299.2612.

Sewage Rate 2023

Sewer rates are calculated on the average water consumption billed on your February and March water billings. The February billing includes part of January's consumption and part of February's consumption, while the March billing includes the remainder of February's consumption and part of March's consumption. This average consumption will be used to calculate your monthly sewer rate for a year beginning in April and ending in March. For further questions, please reach out to Customer Service at Woodway City Hall at 254.772.4480.

Water Restrictions Continue this Spring

With drought conditions continuing in Woodway and the greater Waco area, the City of Woodway is continuing the mandatory water restrictions for all water customers which will continue allowing customers their three watering days per week. City Staff will continue to monitor conditions and advise of any changes. These restrictions pertain to irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems. Your cooperation is appreciated as the City organization adheres to this plan as well, and continues to find ways to cut back on water usage by 25% in addition to following the schedule below. With many months of drought after a very hot summer in 2022, please help continue to preserve our water source.

- No watering between the hours of 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. daily
- Odd number addresses may water Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays
- Even number addresses may water Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
- No watering on Fridays
- Hand watering allowed on all days of the week
- No washing of any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane nor any other vehicle between 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. on the designated watering days. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station.
- No watering to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the designated watering days.



Woodway Public Safety Department Promotions

The Woodway Public Safety Department has had some recent promotions, and the City would like to recognize these hard working indviduals. Congratulations to Corporal William Dudley who was assigned to the Midway ISD elementary schools as a School Resource Officer. Corporal Dudley brings 20 years of experience within Woodway PSD, with several years as a School Resource Officer already. There he will replace Corporal Kevin Potts who has been reassigned to the Criminal Investigations Department as a Detective. Corporal Potts has nine years of total experience and replaces Sergeant Taylor Groves who was recently promoted due to a retirement within the agency. Congratulations to these officers, and thank you for your continued commitment to the residents of our community!



Sergeant Taylor Groves, Patrol



Corporal Kevin Potts, Criminal Investigations



Corporal William Dudley, School Resource Officer

Bound for the Brave Race 2023

The Woodway Youth Commission would like to thank everyone who sponsored, donated, and participated in this year's Bound for the Brave event. This fundraising event gives 100% of the proceeds to help support first responders and their families who have become injured or killed in the line of duty. The Woodway Public Safety Department and the Youth Commission would like to show their deepest grattitude for the continued support of the first responders that serve citizens every day.



General Election May 2023

Upcoming General Election – May 6, 2023

Visit the City's website page at www.woodwaytexas.gov for current election information.

Próximas elecciones generales - 6 de mayo de 2023 Visite la página web de la ciudad en www.woodwaytexas.gov para encontrar información



Boards & Commissions Members Wanted

The City is now accepting applications for the Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Youth Commission. Find an application online at woodwaytexas.gov or pick one up at City Hall at 922 Estates Drive. The deadline to submit an application is April 15th at 5 p.m.



What's New in Woodway?

The new Family Center construction is underway and moving along quickly. The building site is located behind the Woodway Public Safety Building near the intersection of Estates Drive and Fairway Road.



WFC to Host Co-ed Baseball League



Registration for the WFC's Spring Co-ed Baseball League is now open. The league will offer a T- Ball division for children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old as well as a Coach Pitch division for children between the ages of 7 and 8 years old. Practices will begin on April 3rd, and the games will be held at Stringer Memorial Fields (next to the Woodway Family Center) between May 2nd and July 1st. For more details, visit: discoverwoodway.com/family-center.

Children's Area at the Arboretum is NOW OPEN!

The Carleen Bright Arboretum has recently reopened to the public! The Arboretum team has made many amazing updates to the grounds, including the addition of a Children's Area. This area includes a lot of fun activities including: giant chess and checkers, soccer goals, corn hole, Connect Four, and much more. Coming soon will be a state-of-the-art splash pad for the community to enjoy!





Have you Discovered Woodway Lately?





The Discover Woodway team hosted the annual Father & Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 11th at the Pavilion Event Center. The event sold out in under 18 hours! There were 300 guests in attendance to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by George's Restaurant, an edible cookie dough bar by Dough Re Mi, and awesome music from DJ Kris with a K Entertainment. Guests also enjoyed a sparkling cider toast led by Mayor Qourzal, complimentary flower crowns, and other fun giveaways!









Hello Spring!

HERE ARE A FEW FUN THINGS TO DO IN WOODWAY THIS SEASON...

- Enjoy a stroll at the Carleen Bright Arboretum
- Schedule a playdate at the new playground in Whitehall Park
- Try a new drink from Dutch Bros in Woodway
- Take a hike or ride your bike at Woodway Lakeside Park
- Get a scoop of ice cream...or two...from Heritage Creamery
- Grab some friends for a round of pickle ball in Whitehall Park
- Have a brunch date at Oak & Ivy Wine Bar Bistro

Find more awesome things to do at discoverwoodway.com!