

WOODWAY

TEXAS



November / December 2023



Greetings from Mayor Qourzal

City Councilmembers:

Mayor Amine Qourzal

What an incredible year 2023 has been for our city! As we enter the holiday season, I am constantly reminded of the many blessings we enjoy living in this community, and I hope you will also join me in giving thanks for the wonderful City of Woodway.

Mayor Pro Tem John Williams

This year is quickly coming to a close, and soon we will be welcoming 2024 with great hope and optimism. But before we do, it's fitting to look back and express gratitude for some of the achievements we can celebrate together as a community.

David Russell

Storey Cook

Gayle Avant

Janel Gilman

David Keyston

The Carleen Bright Arboretum reopened early this year after undergoing a complete redesign, and what a jewel it is for all who visit! You may have also noticed some new improvements at Whitehall Park this summer. Our terrific Parks Crew installed new playground equipment and updated our pickleball/tennis courts. These improvements are examples of how our city can bring kids and grown-ups together to enjoy our excellent amenities, and I'm thankful for the spaces that allow our community to thrive.

Later this fall, we anticipate the grand opening of our brand-new, state-of-the-art Woodway Family Center! This facility will serve as a recreational center for all of us – from our seniors all the way to our tiniest residents. The WFC staff has been hard at work preparing excellent programming and activities, and I hope you will make time to come visit. I'm grateful for this major achievement that couldn't have been possible without the generous support of our residents.

Additionally, this year we made some exciting staff transitions including promoting our new Director of Public Safety, Chief Khalil El-Halabi! While no stranger to our community, Chief El-Halabi's promotion comes after serving Woodway faithfully for over fifteen years! We also recently welcomed Adam Niolet as our new Assistant City Manager. He comes to us after many years of public service to the cities of Forest Hill, Hico, and Seminole. I am so appreciative of these remarkable individuals and their service to our city. Congratulations, Khalil and Adam!


In closing, I want to express special thanks to all of our residents who make Woodway such a great place to live. As we gather together with loved ones to celebrate this season, let's look forward to 2024 – supporting each other and doing all we can to help those who are less fortunate.

On behalf of the City of Woodway and the Qourzal family, my sincerest best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!



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Holiday Trash & Recycling



This holiday season be prepared for the trash and recycling pickup schedules by downloading the Frontier Waste Solutions app and set up notifications for your specific route. The schedule can also be found online at woodwaytexas.gov/trash for the rest of this year as well as the beginning of 2024.

For the Thanksgiving holiday week, all trash pickups for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day. For the weeks of Christmas and New Years, both trash and recycling pickups will be delayed by one day.

Scan QR Code to download the Frontier app.



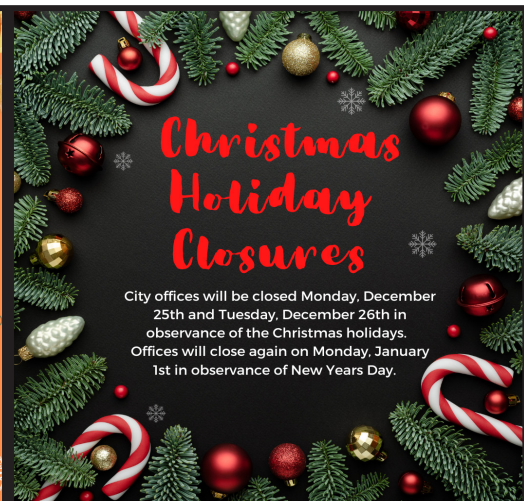
An Update for 2024 Large Item Pickup Dates



Starting in 2024, the Large Item Pickup service has been moved to the months of April and October, per a recent decision by City Council. Residents and businesses can mark their calendars for April 25th or 26th and October 24th or 25th, depending on whichever is the second trash day for that address. More details on Large Item Pickup can also be found at woodwaytexas.gov/trash.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Customer Service Department at customerservice@woodwaytexas.gov or 254.772.4480.

Holiday Closures



Meet the New Assistant City Manager: Adam Niolet

Mr. Adam Niolet has served over 10 years as a public servant. Niolet began his career as a patrol officer for the City of Forest Hill, where he served as a Corporal, Detective and received numerous accommodations while there. After completing a Master of Public Administration from American Military University, Mr. Niolet transitioned to serve in another capacity as the City Administrator and Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Hico. During his tenure in Hico, Adam earned his Master of Business Administration from Texas Christian University and completed a three-part Executive Certificate in Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. Adam also served as the City Manager for the City of Seminole, Texas. In his free time, he enjoys chess, writing, and working on project cars.



Woodway Forward!



The Woodway Forward Comprehensive Plan will serve as a roadmap that outlines strategic actions to promote quality of life, sustainable growth, and responsible development. It reflects the collective desires and aspirations of the community and their vision for the future. It will address various aspects, such as land use, economic resilience, housing & neighborhoods, mobility & transportation, and community identity. The comprehensive plan is a collaborative document made by YOUR feedback and recent participation!

WOODWAY FORWARD IS IN PRODUCTION!

The City is thrilled to announce that the Woodway Forward Comprehensive Plan is reaching the final stages, and chapters are being drafted and finalized. Thank you, Woodway, all for your feedback throughout the process! Stay up-to-date on the project status by visiting the website at: woodwaytexas.gov/woodway-forward or you can scan the project QR code.



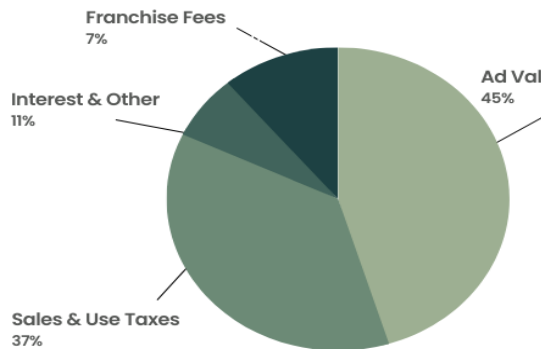
Food for Families 2023 | Feed the Hungry



This year marks the 34th anniversary of Food for Families. Food for Families is an annual event sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, H-E-B, and KWTX News 10. This event has grown to become the largest one-day food drive in Texas, serving 9 counties. The Woodway City Hall, Public Safety, and Community Services buildings will be the three gathering sites for food again this year. Some suggested donation items are: canned meats, canned vegetables, sugar, corn meal, flour, pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans, and rice. Our collection sites will be open from November 1st - 16th. WPSD will take all of the food donations to KWTX on Friday, November 17th. Please join us and help stock the shelves of area food pantries this holiday season and beyond to give back to those in need!

Understanding the City's Budget

General Fund FY24



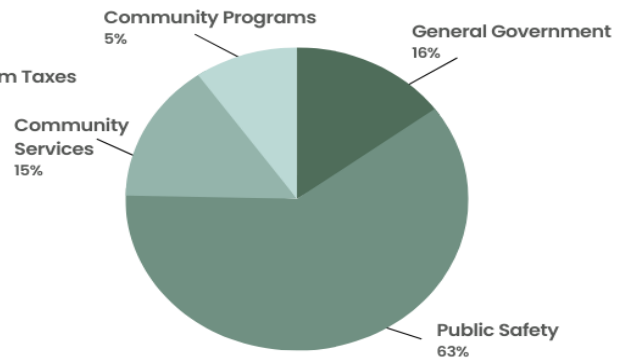
Revenue

Ad Valorem Taxes - \$5,293,307

Sales & Use Taxes - \$4,310,000

Franchise Fees - \$807,370

Interest & Other - \$1,303,343



Expenses

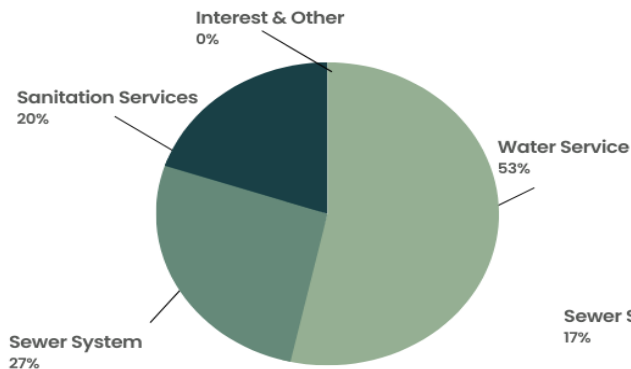
General Government - \$2,003,278

Public Safety - \$7,731,983

Community Services - \$1,878,269

Community Programs - \$655,454

Utility Funds FY24



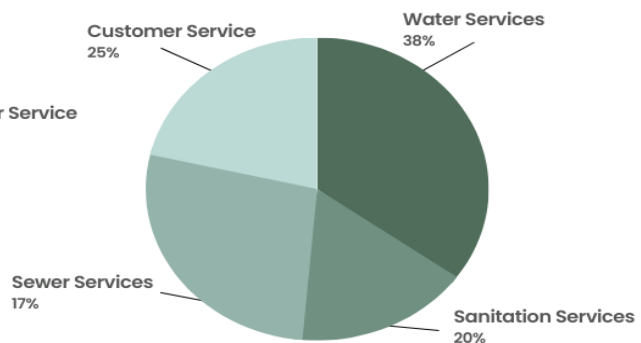
Revenue

Water Service Charges - \$4,884,245

Sewer System Charges - \$2,435,000

Sanitation Services - \$1,812,100

Interest & Other - \$2,500



Expenses

Water Services - \$3,452,353

Sewer Services - \$1,569,949

Sanitation Services - \$1,813,100

Customer Services - \$2,298,443

Understanding the City's Adopted Tax Rate



 **ADOPTED FY2024 TAX RATE** 

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\$.373701

At the August 28th City Council meeting, a ***no-new revenue tax rate*** of **\$.373701** was adopted by Council for the FY2024 budget. Woodway taxpayers will pay the City \$374 per \$100,000 of the property taxable value.

Reminders from Code Enforcement

WOODWAY TEXAS

WATER RESTRICTIONS

- ✓ **ODD NUMBER ADDRESSES**
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday
- ✓ **EVEN NUMBER ADDRESSES**
Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday
- NO WATERING ON FRIDAYS**
- NO WATERING ALLOWED BETWEEN 10 A.M. & 8 P.M.**
- ✓ **HAND WATERING ALLOWED ON ALL DAYS OF THE WEEK**

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BRUSH BUNDLES

- ✓ **CUT LESS THAN 4 FOOT LENGTHS AND NOTHING OVER 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER**
- ✓ **NEATLY PLACED IN YOUR FRONT YARD NEAR THE CURB WITH THE LARGER PORTION OF THE LIMB FACING THE STREET**
- ✓ **STACKED LESS THAN 3 FEET HIGH**
- ✓ **MAX WEIGHT OF 50 LBS.**

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Discover Woodway this Holiday Season



SUN. NOVEMBER 12th

SUN. DECEMBER 17th

10 AM - 2 PM

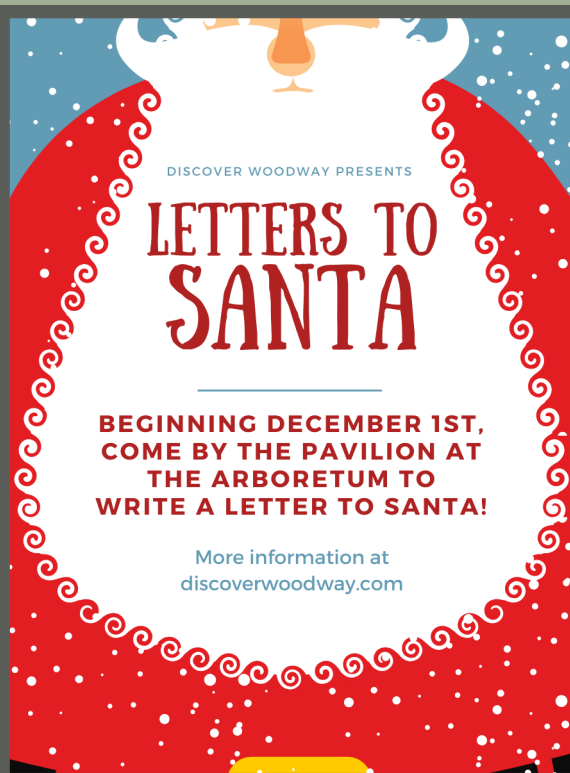
CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM

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LETTERS TO SANTA

**BEGINNING DECEMBER 1ST,
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THE ARBORETUM TO
WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA!**

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A Special Woodway Public Safety Thank You

The Woodway Public Safety Department was super busy during the last few months with special events around the city! This fall, officers have provided events such as: Back-to-School Movie Night, National Night Out, Woodway Public Safety Association Cookout, and Cops & Kids Halloween Drive-Thru. We truly appreciate all of the hard work that our officers do to bring these fun family events to the residents of Woodway!

On October 3rd, WPSD participated in National Night Out at Whitehall Park, Poage Park, and Trinity Lutheran Church. These three locations were an opportunity for our officers to meet the community they serve and allow the community to get to know their public servants. Hundreds of community members came out to enjoy fire truck tours, free food, bounce house, and great conversation. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!



On October 14th, the Woodway Public Safety Association held its annual hamburger cook-out fundraiser. Hundreds of hamburger and hot dog baskets were sold, lots of raffle tickets were pre-purchased, and there were generous donations made throughout the afternoon. The fundraiser profits are utilized to purchase firefighting tools and equipment, as well as fund the annual WPSA college scholarships for high school seniors. Woodway PSD and the Public Safety Association would like to extend a special thanks to all who came out in support!

WPSD Chief El-Halabi's

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



- 1** Place Christmas trees, candles, and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents, and candles.
- 2** Purchase flame retardant metallic or artificial trees. If you purchase a real tree, make sure that it has fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water. Use only sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over. Keep curious pets and children away from Christmas trees.
- 3** Always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- 4** Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Designate one person to walk around your home to make sure that all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished after guests leave.
- 5** Keep a properly charged fire extinguisher readily available.

For more information, please visit: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



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WARM HOLIDAY GREETINGS
from the City of Woodway!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEW YEAR:

- 2/10 FATHER & DAUGHTER DANCE
- 2/17 OZOMATLI CONCERT
- 4/28 ARBO FEST
- 5/11 MOTHER & DAUGHTER BRUNCH

MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET

Visit discoverwoodway.com for more information!