

#### May / June 2024

# FAMILY CENTER OPE SEE PROGRAMMING ON PG. 5

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#### **Memorial Day Closure**

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. All scheduled trash and recycling pickups will be delayed by one day for the entire week.

### **Election Day Information**

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL ELECTION Woodway Ayuntamiento Elección

Saturday, May 4 - - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sábado, 4 de mayo - - 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.



Election information can be found on the City's website (woodwaytexas.gov) by clicking on "Elections." En el sitio web de la Ciudad, podrá encontrar información sobre las elecciones (woodwaytexas.gov) pulsando sobre "Elections" (Elecciones).

#### **Keep Woodway Beautiful**

The City's affiliation with Keep Texas Beautiful provides access to educational materials, cleanup event supplies, and grant opportunities, including the Governor's Community Achievement Award and \$160,000 grant won in 2022. Eligibility for these amazing opportunities and resources requires every affiliate to attain a status of Good Standing, Silver Star, or Gold Star each year. Each level has graduated requirements for reporting, education, and participation in KTB-sponsored events and is determined by KTB staff after review of a final comprehensive annual report.

The review of our 2023 KTB Annual Report is now complete. The City's Plan Reviewer, Kasia Redden, acts as Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate coordinator and prepares the related supply requests, grant applications, and reports for submission. In 2023, the City received credit for participation in KTB-endorsed events like House-hold Hazardous Waste Day, a Fall Sweep cleanup supply handout, and a spring cleanup by the Woodway Youth Commission, as well as four hours of virtual and in-person training. This year, Kasia attended an additional 10 hours of virtual and in-person training to boost the hard work of our amazing staff and citizens, and we are proud to announce that the City of Woodway has earned Silver Star Affiliate status through Keep Texas Beautiful for the third year in a row! Already on track for another great year, we look forward to turning that Silver Star into a gold one in 2024!

#### **Short-Term Rentals**



The City of Woodway would like to remind residents that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Article X, prohibits the operation of a short-term rental (AirBnB, VRBO, etc.) in residential districts. Such an operation constitutes a zoning violation and will subject the property owner to administrative action, including the submission of a complaint to municipal court and also potential fines or penalties. To avoid such action, any person currently operating in violation of the ordinance should cease and desist.

If you have questions about the ordinance or a short-term rental operating in your area, please contact Kasia Redden in the Community Services and Development Department at (254) 772-4050 or email kredden@woodwaytexas.gov.

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#### Woodway Updates!





### **Recycling Bags are Back**

Stop by Woodway City Hall at 922 Estates Drive to pick up a complimentary roll. \*Due to supply and demand, please limit one roll per household.\*

For a complete list of acceptable recycle items, please visit woodwaytexas.gov/recycling

### **Understanding Tornado Alerts**

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

**Tornado Watch:** Be Prepared! Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.





**Tornado Warning:** Take Action! A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.



### Totality: Total Solar Eclipse in Woodway

The Totality: Total Solar Eclipse event at Woodway Park was a great success! It was estimated that over 1,500 guests were at the park that day with some guests reporting to be from the Netherlands, South Korea, England, New Zealand, Canada, and many more far-off places! The Discover Woodway team passed out stickers, glasses, and other fun giveaways. Guests were able to buy t-shirts and other Woodway merch including hats and mugs. The Eclipse shirts were sold out within an hour. There are no words that can fully describe how extraordinary this event was, but one thing is for sure...it was TOTALITY awesome!







#### Let's Hear it for the Boys!

Join the WFC crew and Discover Woodway team on Saturday, June 22nd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the first annual Mother and Son Pajama Jam at the brand new WFC building! Come dressed in your best PJs to enjoy a fun-filled night of karaoke, arcade games, delicious food, and awesome suprises. Tickets go on sale May 20th at discoverwoodway.com.





### Visit the Carleen Bright Arboretum

Spring has sprung at the Carleen Bright Arboretum! Dive into the season's delights with our newly reopened splash pad, vibrant spring flowers, and the recent joy of Arbo Fest on April 28th. Don't miss out on the colorful wonders awaiting you at the Arboretum this spring!





## **New Flag Drop Off**

We're excited to introduce our new flag drop-off box located outside the WFC fields. Swing by and drop off any flags in need of proper disposal. Your contribution ensures the proper disposal of these symbols of our nation's pride!

### Senior Programming at the WFC

Calling all Seniors 55+! You are invited to come check out the new Senior Programming at the new WFC! Each month, a calendar of events will be posted on the *Woodway Family Center - Seniors* Facebook page as well as listed on the WFC website at discoverwoodway.com. The WFC staff is excited to welcome everyone into their new building. Don't miss out on all of the fun!





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