

WOODWAY

TEXAS

January / February 2025

Very Merry Christmas Event Recap



Link: <https://youtube.com/shorts/ZqdNhVKpl4c>

Christmas came a little early as over 1,000 visitors celebrated A Very Merry Woodway Christmas on December 19th at the Carleen Bright Arboretum! There were candy canes and silver lanes aglow as guests wandered the stalls of a nighttime vendor market, enjoyed hot chocolate and tasty treats from a variety of food trucks, and cheered as the Mayor stood with his family and fellow Council members to light the brand new 22-foot Christmas tree. A train offered rides outside the Pavilion while inside, Chief Khalil El-Halabi escorted The Grinch in to perform a little community service and the duo teamed up for a dramatized reading of the Green Grump's classic holiday tale. Meanwhile, Santa saw a steady stream of little visitors with big Christmas wishes throughout the evening and five employee teams battled for gingerbread glory in the first Employee Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. In only its second year, A Very Merry Woodway Christmas exceeded expectations, and the Discover Woodway team is already making plans to continue building on its overwhelming success. The future truly is merry and bright!





City Council Meetings Complete 2025 Schedule

January 13th @ 5:30 p.m.
January 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

February 10th @ 5:30 p.m.
February 24th @ 5:30 p.m.

March 17th @ 5:30 p.m.
March 24th @ 5:30 p.m.

April 14th @ 5:30 p.m.
April 28th @ 5:30 p.m.

May 12th @ 5:30 p.m.
May 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

June 9th @ 5:30 p.m.

July 14th @ 5:30 p.m.

August 11th @ 5:30 p.m.
August 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

September 8th @ 5:30 p.m.
September 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.

October 6th @ 5:30 p.m.
October 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

November 10th (two meetings)
5:30 and 5:45 p.m.

December 8th (two meetings)
5:30 and 5:45 p.m.



Link to City Council Meeting Agendas: <https://woodwaytexas.gov/meetings-agendas/>

Link to Live Streaming/Past Live Streams for City Council Meetings:
<https://www.youtube.com/@CityofWoodway>

RECYCLE CALENDAR 2025

Route A- (Monday/Thursday Trash Pickup)

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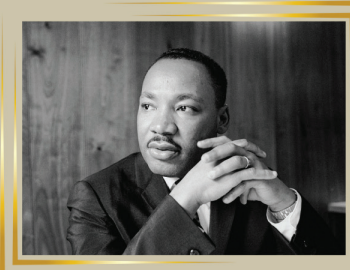
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City Hours & Closures



Happy
CITY OFFICES
ARE CLOSED
ON
JANUARY 1ST
2025!

City offices will be closed
January 20th



in observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day



CLOSED FEBRUARY 17TH
PRESIDENTS DAY
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After-hours water leak?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU 24 HOURS A
DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK!

CALL:
COMMUNITY SERVICES
254-772-4050
OR
PUBLIC SAFETY (NON-EMERGENCY)
254-772-4470

UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 3, 2025

VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE PAGE AT
WWW.WOODWAYTEXAS.GOV/ELECTIONS
FOR CURRENT ELECTION INFORMATION.

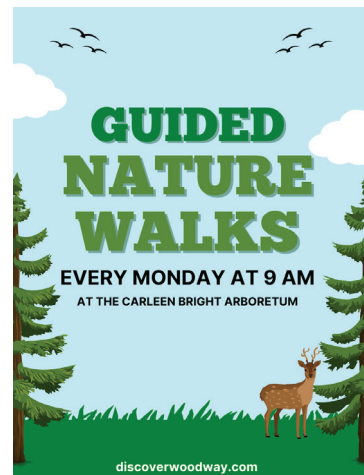
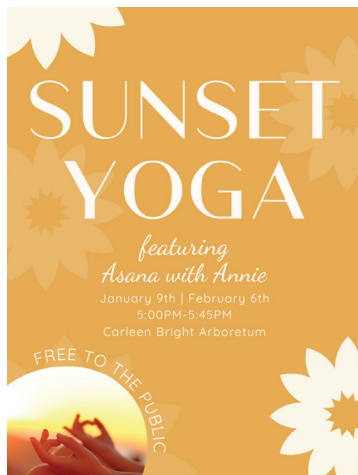


PRÓXIMAS ELECCIONES GENERALES

3 DE MAYO DE 2025

VISITE LA PÁGINA WEB DE LA CIUDAD EN
WWW.WOODWAYTEXAS.GOV/ELECTIONS
PARA ENCONTRAR INFORMACIÓN
ELECTORAL ACTUAL.

Discover Woodway: Your Guide to Local Events



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



GIRLS' NIGHT IN

FEBRUARY 21ST | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
AT WHITEHALL CENTER



purchase tickets at discoverwoodway.com

WOODWAY YOUTH COMMISSION presents

BOUND for the BRAVE

CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00AM - 2:00PM

All proceeds will be donated to the Heart of Texas 100 Club (501C3) to assist families of 1st responders that were injured or killed in the line of duty.


JAN 19TH | FEB 23RD

11 AM - 2 PM
CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM

discoverwoodway.com

CARLEEN BRIGHT arboretum WOODWAY, TEXAS

Join us on a field trip!



Email us at events@woodwaytexas.gov

Woodway Public Safety

FEBRUARY 27TH



EVERY THURSDAY 6PM-9PM

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

11 WEEK ACADEMY

APPLY NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [GKENNEASTER@WOODWAYTEXAS.GOV](mailto:gkneester@woodwaytexas.gov)




The Woodway Public Safety Citizens Police Academy is currently accepting applications! This special community program is an extremely low-pressure environment where participants will be immersed in the daily activities associated with policing and firefighting.

The Academy starts on February 27th from 6PM to 9PM and continues every Thursday for 11 weeks. Did we mention that the entire academy is FREE, and that you do not have to be a Woodway resident to apply? What are you waiting for? Seats are filling quickly, and joining is as simple as filling out the pamphlet and turning it in! Contact Community Resource Officer Griffin Kenneaster at gkenneaster@woodwaytexas.gov for more information or to apply!

Access the 2025 CPA Brochure at
<https://files.constantcontact.com/d93324c7801/b24014ba-31b7-4867-ab91-885739d3574b.pdf>



PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS
A Message from the
Public Safety Director

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
WINTER SAFETY & COMPLIANCE**
When winter rolls around, our local code enforcement has specific guidelines and recommendations to ensure safety and compliance.

Here are some general winter tips that we would like to emphasize:

1. **Snow and Ice Removal:** Make sure to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways promptly. This keeps pathways safe and can prevent serious injury.
2. **Fire Hydrants:** If you have a fire hydrant near your property, keep it clear of snow for easy access in case of emergencies. This small effort can be crucial for safety.
3. **Roof and Gutters:** Watch for ice dams on your roof and keep gutters clear to prevent water damage. Regular maintenance can help avoid costly repairs.
4. **Heating Safety:** Ensure all heating appliances are in good working order. This can prevent fires or carbon monoxide hazards, which are heightened concerns in winter.
5. **Emergency Access:** Keep your house number visible and clear from snow so emergency services can easily locate your home if needed.
6. **Outdoor Decorations:** Secure holiday lights and decorations against harsh weather to prevent debris and hazards in storms.
7. **Trees and Branches:** Check for overhanging branches that might break under snow load and cause damage, and trim them back as necessary.

By adhering to these tips, you can keep your property safe and contribute to a safe environment for you and your neighbors.

FREEZE FIXES

PROTECTING YOUR HOME IN WINTER WEATHER

1. KNOW WHAT YOUR INSURANCE COVERS

CONFIRM WHETHER YOUR POLICY COVERS SUDDEN OR ACCIDENTAL WATER DAMAGE FROM A BURST PIPE. THIS TYPE OF COVERAGE IS DIFFERENT THAN FLOOD INSURANCE. ALSO, ASK ABOUT YOUR COVERAGE FOR SPOILED FOOD AS A RESULT OF POWER FAILURE.

2. PREPARE DAYS BEFORE A FREEZE

- WRAP PIPES IN UNHEATED AREAS (LIKE A CLOTHES WASHER IN YOUR GARAGE)
- REMOVE WATER HOSES AND WRAP OUTDOOR PIPES
- DRAIN AND TURN OFF YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM
- TURN OFF THE WATER TO YOUR CLOTHES WASHER IF IT IS IN AN UNHEATED GARAGE
- LEAVING TOWN? LEAVE YOUR HEAT ON AND CONTACT THE CITY TO SHUT OFF YOUR WATER. THIS MINIMIZES DAMAGE IF A PIPE BURSTS WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.

3. PROTECT YOUR PIPES WHEN IT FREEZES

- OPEN CABINETS UNDER SINKS TO LET YOUR HOUSE'S HEAT WARM THE PIPES
- IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE, TURN OFF THE WATER TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE ONCE THEY THAW. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SHUTOFF VALVE NEAR THE HOUSE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CITY TO SHUT OFF THE WATER AT THE METER.
- LET FAUCETS DRIP FROM THE COLD AND HOT TAPS OR RUN WATER THROUGH YOUR INDOOR FAUCETS - HOT AND COLD - BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP.

TIPS PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE -

[HTTPS://WWW.TDI.TEXAS.GOV/TIPS/WINTER-SAFETY.HTML](https://www.tdi.texas.gov/tips/winter-safety.html)

Introducing Randi Winget

Randi Winget was hired as our City Ordinance Officer upon the retirement of our beloved ACO Albert Lopez. She comes to us from a neighboring city where she was the Animal Control Officer for several years. Ms. Winget boasts several years of experience in animal care and has already been instrumental in the continuing efforts to keep Woodway beautiful. Ms. Winget is responsible for Animal Control and City Ordinance enforcement as the dual role within the City of Woodway. We look forward to her continued success and her serving our community. Welcome Randi!



OFFICER WINGET SAYS...



COMPLIANCE TIPS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL

HOW TO DISPOSE OF BRUSH AND TREE LIMBS

BUNDLE IT UP

Cut them into manageable lengths for curbside pick-up (usually about 3 to 4 feet long). Secure them with twine or biodegradable string.

COMPOST

If you have space, start a compost pile with smaller branches and brush. Over time, they'll break down and create nutrient-rich compost for your garden.

MULCH

Chop the branches into smaller pieces and use them as mulch in your garden. It helps retain moisture in the soil and suppresses weeds.

DIY PROJECTS

Get creative! Use branches for DIY garden edging, trellises, or rustic decor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

If it is a large job, hiring a professional service might be worthwhile. They can quickly and efficiently remove the debris for you.



Code of Ordinances, Sec. 7-4-

Bundled trash and brush for residential collection. In the event that trash is of such a nature that it cannot be placed in approved containers, it shall be placed in bundles or disposable constrainers having no outside dimension or more than four (4) feet and shall be placed for collection as provided in section 7-3 hereof. Brush shall be cut in lengths not to exceed four (4) feet and shall be trimmed and stacked at curbside or alle to a height of not more than three (3) feet, with larger ends placed toward the curb or alley. All vines and thorny bushes shall be placed in disposable containers. No bundle, container or other item shall weigh in excess of fifty (50) pounds.

2024 Toys for Tots and Angel Tree Recap





The Woodway Public Safety Department's commitment to public service was truly front and center this holiday season as, for two solid months, their lobby overflowed with evidence of staff and community generosity.

During November's Food for Families food drive, an incredible 953 pounds of donated goods were collected to feed those in need over the holidays! This spirit of giving remained strong through December as WPSD shifted the focus to providing a special Christmas for area children in need.

Over the last two years, the Woodway Public Safety Department's collaboration with the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots program has flourished, quickly expanding from lobby donation boxes to an anticipated community event. In 2023, the program took to the streets of Woodway in a decorated firetruck for the 1st annual Toy Drive Parade, featuring Santa and your Public Safety officers collecting curbside donations and connecting with the residents.

Given the success of the inaugural parade, expectations for 2024 were high. After all, what could be better than a Christmas Toy Drive Parade? How about two parades and a truce, at least temporarily, between Santa Claus and the Grinch? That's right! This year, WPSD organized two nights of decorated firetruck fun, gaining even greater support from our amazing community and reaching more families than ever. The Grinch himself even collected the gifts!

As if the boundless generosity of our community was not apparent enough in the countless Toys for Tots donations made, you also adopted and supported 16 angels during our first initiative with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program! We are thrilled with the success of these impactful programs and awed by the charitable spirit of this community! Thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to 2025!

Police Academy Grad - Payton Pollard

In December, our newest officer graduated from the McLennan Community College Police Academy. Officer Payton Pollard comes with years of experience in the Criminal Justice arena and was most recently an Adult Probation Officer before coming to Woodway PSD. Officer Pollard will now complete a several month interdepartmental training with our state-certified Field Training Officers in order to learn the "Woodway way."




Join the Excitement at the WFC!

Ascension Living

Providence Village

Official Sponsor of WFC Senior Programming



Wellness in Woodway 



Tour Art Center Waco and participate in an art project at the museum.

Participants will paint with yarn, watercolor, and acrylic paint.

For Seniors 55 and Better

January 29th From 1-4

Schedule is subject to change based on provider availability and City closures.

For full updated schedule: [CLICK HERE](#)

WFC Senior Programming is for participants aged 55 or better.

Spots are limited for some classes, so advanced reservation may be required.

Please call 254-772-7491 for more information.

Seasonal Arts and Crafts

With Rhonda Mendez

January 9th 10 am - 12 pm

Door Wreath Project



HAMMER & STAIN WACO



20 Spots Available So Call to Reserve Yours: 254-772-7491 For Seniors 55 and Better

PICKLEBALL

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monday - Friday

PICKLEBALL 101

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Thursday

TECH WITH CODY

Wednesday January 8th

10:00 am - 11:00 am



WEEKLY

Strength & Stretch

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Woodway Walkers

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday

Chair Yoga

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Tuesday

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Friday

Better At Last

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thursday

StickFit Drumming

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pet Therapy

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, January 15th

Diabetes Education

starting at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, January 22nd

Baylor Sleep Study

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Thursday, January 23rd

Woodway Staff Anniversaries



Happy WOODWAY Anniversary!

January

CITY SECRETARY
DONNA BARKLEY

23 YEARS

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT KASIA REDDEN 16 YEARS	PUBLIC UTILITIES NATHAN DONNELL 14 YEARS	PUBLIC SAFETY MICHAEL BRUMMETT 13 YEARS
CUSTOMER SERVICE ABBEY UECKERT 6 YEARS	PUBLIC SAFETY JACOB CANTER 5 YEARS	PUBLIC SAFETY TYLER SCHILLER 4 YEARS
PUBLIC SAFETY HUNTER JAYNES 2 YEARS	PUBLIC SAFETY LINDSEY ROGERS 2 YEARS	PUBLIC SAFETY DANIEL BUCKNAM 1 YEAR

HONORING OUR STAFF FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

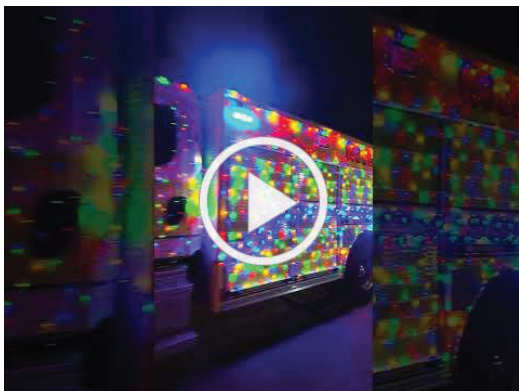
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DEREK WALL

30 YEARS

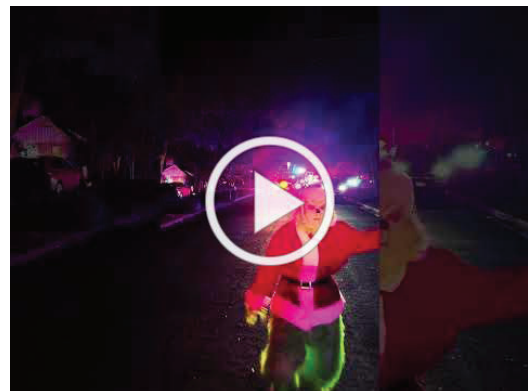
PUBLIC SAFETY JENNIFER NIEMEIER 16 YEARS	PUBLIC UTILITIES JORDAN MEYER 14 YEARS	PAYROLL/ACCOUNTING GLENDA GIRARD 9 YEARS
BUILDING INSPECTIONS JAMES REDDEN 3 YEARS	PUBLIC UTILITIES JUSTIN JOBE 2 YEARS	PUBLIC UTILITIES SKYLAR WEAVER 1 YEAR

February

Woodway Reels



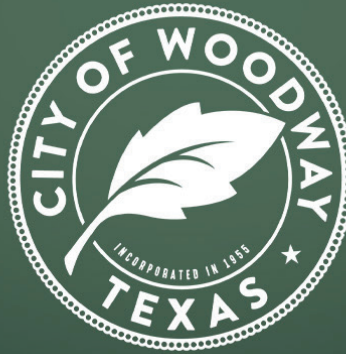
Toys for Tots Parade
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Bv2xr5veYWQ>



Toys for Tots Parade – The Grinch
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ueeYcPK97JA>



Woodway Public Safety Ropes Rescue
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/jwKMIvFi5To>



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David Russell • Storey Cook • Janell Gilman
David Keyston • Ken Sury

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