

# Woodway TODAY

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## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Donald J. Baker      Mayor Pro Tem Jane Kittner  
 Scott A. Giddings          Bob Howard  
 Gil Lillard                  Mike Tamberella  
 Barbara Grandy

## MEETING DATES

### City Council

Second and Fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

### Parks and Recreation Commission

Fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

### Planning and Zoning Commission

Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

### Woodway Beautiful Commission

Third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

### Youth Commission

First Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

Emergency .....	9-1-1
Carleen Bright Arboretum.....	399-9204
City Hall .....	772-4480
Code Enforcement.....	772-4470
Community Services & Development.....	772-4050
Public Safety.....	772-4470
Water and Trash Inquiries.....	772-4480
Woodway Family Center.....	772-7491

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## 2013 YEAR END RELECTIONS



Yost Zakhary  
 City Manager/Public Safety Director

I would like to start off by highlighting some events of the past year. The Pavilion at the Carleen Bright Arboretum reached an impressive milestone early in the year, reaching its 100th event booking within seven months of its grand opening. I credit the community and the tenacious leadership of director Janet Schaffer for The Pavilion's success in securing the "Locals Love Us" top five event venues within the first year of opening. Be sure to mark your calendars for Woodway's first Father Daughter Dance that will be held February 6th (ages 4 through 11) and February 7th (ages 12 and up) at The Pavilion, fulfilling a long-time dream of my wife, Julie Zakhary, who serves as the Father Daughter Dance Committee Chair.

The Woodway Family Center continues to flourish, serving 1500 plus children and adults annually in a fun, family, caring atmosphere. Current programs available are soccer, volleyball, t-ball, basketball, coach-pitch baseball, summer youth camps, flag football, and adult volleyball. These programs would be impossible without the excellent volunteer coaches in each sport, the moms, dads, grandparents and relatives, along with the dedicated and attentive staff that serve the Woodway Family Center.

If you have not yet seen our City of Woodway website redesign, I encourage you to do so at [www.woodway-texas.com](http://www.woodway-texas.com). I am very pleased with the revamped aesthetic which was designed as a collaborative effort from every department to make it easier for businesses, the community and visitors to navigate.

I am proud of the success thus far of our School Resource Officer program in conjunction with Midway ISD, helping us take a proactive stance in the safety of our schools. Public Safety has added two volunteer fire-fighters and two full-time public safety officers who are cross-trained in police and fire response. I strongly believe in community policing and encourage you to help us by reporting any suspicious activities you see in your neighborhoods. The Citizens' Police Academy is a great way to be involved and learn more about how the Public Safety Department works. It is fun, free, and meets for ten weeks on Thursdays from February to May. As always, Alarm Direct continues to contribute to quick alarm responses. As a service that allows residents to have their alarms directly monitored by the police department right here in Woodway, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of it. I am especially passionate about our new program with Project Lifesaver. Their program has combined technological innovation with local police response to protect those at risk to wander. The Department also was re-recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association for "Best Practices"- the only department to sustain such an honor in McLennan County.

We had a great turnout this year to many of our annual events. I credit our wonderful volunteers and staff who help make these Woodway traditions possible every year, especially the newly formed Citizens' Police Academy Alumni program. I'd like to thank the community for helping make this past year's 40th Annual Woodway Public Safety Association BBQ Police and Fire Fundraiser our most successful yet. *(continued on next page)*

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Thank you also for supporting our events such as the Youth Commission's Bound for the Brave Run, the Midsummer Nights Concert Series held in June hosted by the Carleen Bright Arboretum, the 4th of July Parade, Family Movie Night, the Children's Garden Fair and Gardeners' Gathering, just to name a few. I consider it a benchmark of our great community that so many braved the heat to display their patriotic spirit for the special July 3rd concert of the Midsummer Nights Concert Series, making it a rousing success. To stay on top of community alerts, you may sign up for Nixle, an email alert system. Be sure to also "like" our Facebook page, where you can often view photos of our community events.

Business has continued to grow along Highway 84 with Carter BloodCare, First Baptist Church of Woodway Children's Ministry Building, and the Providence Woodway Medical Plaza now open. We anticipate even more growth soon with the construction of the McLennan County 9-1-1 Building and several other projects that are in the planning and approval stages. I thank you for your patience with the West Fairway Road construction, currently in phase 2. I look forward to continued commercial expansion with collaboration from our City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

The budget has become increasingly challenging year by year, considering the myriad of rising costs and unfunded government mandates; but once again we were able to develop a balanced budget without raising the tax rate. The total net growth was 2.7% in General Fund revenues from 2012/2013 to 2013/2014, an impressive gain given the economy. I credit the City's meticulous Finance Director, William Klump with the City's continued win, year after year, of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The Parks and Recreation Commission works tirelessly to improve the amenities in our parks. Through their efforts, charming new entrance signs at the three Woodway parks were installed this past year, and I'm very pleased with the outcome.

The Woodway Beautiful Commission continues to work hard at cultivating Woodway's inherent beauty. They sponsor the Christmas decorating contest and the Yard of the Month contest. Through the continued efforts of the Woodway Beautiful Commission, Woodway received the Sustained Excellence Award through the Governor's Community Achievement Award Program for beautification of Highway 84.

I'd like to thank all of my staff, the Mayor and City Council, my family, and the community for their support leading up to and after my induction as President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Philadelphia, PA, this past October at the 120th Annual IACP Conference. Thank you so much for the incredible honor of allowing me to serve as your City Manager/Public Safety Director. I am truly humbled by the great support you have given me which has allowed me to lead the greatest employees and volunteers in the country.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you and for your loyal support. I credit the success of our past year to the incredibly dedicated work of the men and women who serve in a paid or volunteer capacity for the City of Woodway residents. I would be remiss if I did not thank my family, wife Julie and daughters Lauren and Emily, for their continued love and faith. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy and safe New Year!



Yost Zakhary  
City Manager / Public Safety Director

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## **Project Lifesaver International**

Woodway Public Safety is proud to announce its involvement with Project Lifesaver International (PLI).

Woodway is home to residents with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, mental dysfunction disorders and youngsters with Down's Syndrome or autism. More than half with these ailments will wander at one time or another. Those who become lost will require an urgent, well trained response. If not found quickly, they are at high risk of serious injury or even death.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver contacts the Woodway Public Safety Department immediately by calling 911, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes — 95% less time than standard operations.

While caregivers check that the battery and wristband are secured daily, both items are maintained and replaced monthly by Woodway Public Safety personnel or trained volunteers.

To participate in the Woodway Public Safety Department's Project Lifesaver program, the prospective client must: Live within the city limits of Woodway; be diagnosed by a certified physician as having Alzheimer's Disease, other dementia disorders, autism, Down's Syndrome, or similar disorders; be known to wander away from caretakers.

For more information contact Captain Bret Crook at 254.772.4470.

## Employee Appreciation Banquet



### 2013 Employee Recognition Awards

Veronica Banks - Customer Service; Dale Glass - Teamwork; John Norman - Leadership; Sandy Bickel - Outstanding Service; Robert Starnes - Outstanding Service; Walter Will - Bob McCauley Work Horse; Larry Adams - Officer of the Year; and Donna Barkley - City Manager's Achievement Award. Also pictured are Mayor Don Baker and City Manager Yost Zakhary. Receiving awards, but not present were: Jordon Myer - Innovation; James Aguilar - Bob McCauley Work Horse Award; and Volunteer of the Year - Beau Crosby

### 2013 Employee Service Awards

*5 Years of Service:* Nathan Bauer, Terry Drake, Khalil El-Halabi, Victor Gutierrez, Ginger Keeton, Jennifer Mathews, and Walter Will

*10 Years of Service:* Carrie Crane, William Dudley, Bobby Sparks, and Robert Starnes

*10 Years of Volunteer Service:* Beau Crosby

*20 Years of Volunteer Service:* Bert Hernandez

## Attention Pet Owners

On November 25, the Woodway City Council adopted a new ordinance related to spaying, neutering, and microchipping. This ordinance was necessary due to the new rules and regulations being imposed by the City of Waco related to dogs and cats that are surrendered at the Waco Animal Shelter. Please review the ordinance by visiting Woodway's website ([www.woodway-texas.com](http://www.woodway-texas.com)) and clicking on "City Ordinances" under the "Government" tab.



If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

A Helpful Hint  
Albert Lopez, Woodway Animal Control  
254.772.4470



## The Arts

Whitehall Center at the Carleen Bright Arboretum serves as an Art Center for Central Texas artists. Every year the Arboretum hosts eight different art exhibitions, each running approximately six weeks beginning in January and ending mid November. The Art Center highlights both individual artists and group displays. Each new art opening hosts a reception to kick-off the exhibit. The public is encouraged to attend and help celebrate our local artists.

### 2014 Art Exhibition Schedule

Richard Skurla - 1/6 thru 2/10

Tom Sergent Photography -  
2/10 thru 3/19

Top Young Artist - 3/19 thru 4/16

Central Texas Watercolor Society -  
4/16 thru 5/21

Nursel Carroll - 5/21 thru 6/23

Art Guild of Central Texas -  
6/23 thru 7/28

Joe Barbieri - 7/28 thru 9/2

George Boutwell - 9/2 thru 10/15

Central Texas Watercolor Society -  
10/15 thru 11/19



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## CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

*WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY COLLECTIONS RUN 1 DAY LATE*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

*TRASH COLLECTION ON REGULAR SCHEDULE*

**PRESIDENT'S DAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

*TRASH COLLECTION ON REGULAR SCHEDULE*

### Trimming Trees Along Curb-line

*Please remember: Trees/  
plants shall have all limbs,  
branches, and foliage trimmed  
and pruned to a minimum  
clearance of fourteen feet  
above the level of the center  
of the nearest abutting street.*

### Woodway Roadrunner Festival 2015



*Details coming soon...*

Follow  
us on Facebook,  
Twitter, and Pinterest for  
the latest updates, news, and  
information!

## Mark Your Calendar

### Large Item Pickup Day

*January 9 & 10*

*July 10 & 11*

*Please contact Customer Services  
at 772.4480 for more information*

### Father • Daughter

### Sweet Memories Dance

*Thursday, February 6 - ages 4 to 11*

*Friday, February 7 - ages 12 & up*

*See insert or call 254.399.9204*

*for more information*

### Bound for the Brave

### 5K & 10K Run

*9am, Saturday, February 22*

*Woodway Family Center*

*For more information, please contact  
Corporal William Dudley at 254.772.4470*

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