

Woodway TODAY

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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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THE HISTORY OF WOODWAY

Shortly after the Civil War in 1865, the town now known as Woodway was founded by a war veteran by the name of Burl Kendrick who purchased 320 acres on the eastern side of present day Woodway.

In 1877, Whitehall Church was built where the Whitehall Park is now located on Santa Fe Drive. In 1901, land was deeded by Captain Kendrick for the first school named Whitehall School. These two landmarks were the center of all social activities for the surrounding areas until the school closed in 1918 and the church closed in 1924. The Carleen Bright Arboretum has an exact replica of the original Whitehall Church which hosts many social functions for the area.

In 1922, homes were built in the Rainbow Lake area as summer getaways. Santa Fe Drive was made an official street and the first well was drilled in 1950. This same well still serves the City today.

The first name given to the area surrounding the school built between Estates and Highway 84 was the Village of Midway. In May of 1955, some of the citizens who lived in the area got together and talked about incorporation; and since they had areas called Woodland West and the Village of Midway, they settled on the name of Woodway. On May 23, 1955, they filed the paper work for incorporation at the McLennan County Courthouse and the presiding Judge set June 11 as the date voters would decide on incorporation. On June 20, 1955, the ballots were certified and the Village of Woodway was created. It boasted a population of only 250 people. In 1973, the City Council changed the name of the Village of Woodway to the City of Woodway.

In 1956, the first volunteer fire department was formed and in 1963 the first police chief was hired. In 1969, the volunteer fire department was dissolved; however in 1970, the Village saw a need so they reinstated the fire department and authorized manpower to operate the fire equipment. By 1972 most of the manpower for the fire department was put under the chief of police.

In 1975, the police and fire departments were combined and became the Public Safety Department. The City Hall, Police and Fire Departments were located at 200 Sharron Drive until March 1992, when City Hall moved to 924 Estates Drive. Public Safety moved to its current location at 920 Estates Drive in 1993. In December of 2007 construction on the new City Hall located at 922 Estates Drive was completed. The location at 924 Estates Drive then became the Community Services and Development Department building with the Administration and Utility Billing Departments moving to the new location.

The Carleen Bright Arboretum project began in 1997. This facility quickly became a premier location for weddings and rehearsals, art exhibits, special events of all kinds, and meetings.

Woodway has gone through many changes, from a village to city and from general rule to home rule. Woodway has grown from a small community of 250 people in 1955, to a thriving picturesque master planned community of approximately 9,000.

During the history of Woodway there have been a total of 15 individuals at the helm of the city steering it in the right direction since 1955. The mayors have been R. L. May 1955-1956; R. H. Linam 1956-1959; Earle Casey 1959-1960; R. H. Linam 1960-1961; W. W. McKethan 1961-1965; Claude Morris Jr. 1965-1967; Gerald C. Mann 1967-1971; A. P. Williams 1971-1973; Tommy L. Roberts 1973-1974; Terry W. Stevens 1974-1981; James F. Wood 1981-1983; Paul Hubbard 1983-1986; Calvin A. Kent 1986-1990; Don Moes 1990-1994; Donald J. Baker 1994-2010; Bill Weber 2010-2012; and Don J. Baker 2012 to the present day.

Along with the mayors have been seven City Managers in the history of the city and they are: Robbie Bean, John T. Lynch, Jr., Carl Dossey, James Wood (Interim), Marvin P. Norwood, Mark McDaniel, and Yousry Zakhary.

2014 Employee Appreciation Banquet



2014 Employee Recognition Awards

Amy Novak - Customer Service; Jessie Resendez - Teamwork; Nathan Donnell - Innovation; John Norman - Bob McCauley Work Horse Award and City Manager Achievement Award; Sergeant Khalil El-Halabi - Officer of the Year; Captain Larry Adams - Leadership; Corporal Ryan Murry - Innovation; PSO Michael Brummett - Teamwork; Russell Sones - Outstanding Service. Also pictured is Mayor Don Baker. Receiving an award but not present - Denny Stapleton - Volunteer of the Year.

2014 Employee Service Awards

5 Years of Service: Albert Lopez, Tyler Masaichy, Jennifer Niemeier, and Kasia Redden

10 Years of Service: Edward Caldera, Malia Elkins, Dale Glass, Janet Schaffer, and Nolan Schaffer

15 Years of Service: Larry Adams, Terry Mason, and Ryan Murry

20 Years of Service: William Hitch and James Mitchell

30 Years of Service: Donald Barnett

35 Years of Service: Yost Zakhary

2014 President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

This year's recipients are: Beau Crosby, Ray Dobbs, Bert Hernandez, Ben Selman, and Denny Stapleton



Lunch with the Masters - 2015

The City of Woodway and the McLennan County Master Gardeners would like to invite you to a free event - "Lunch with the Masters" on the 3rd Wednesday of every month during 2015! Bring a sack lunch and listen to a presentation from 12 pm-2 pm. Our January speaker will be Sandra Killough from Bonnie's Greenhouse talking about what to plant this spring. Sandra will also do a demonstration on Fairy Gardening. We look forward to seeing you at the Pavilion at the Carleen Bright Arboretum on January 21!

January 21 - What to Plant This Spring: Demo on Fairy Gardening

February 18 - Water Wise

March 18 - Vegetable Gardening

April 15 - Earth Kind Practices

May 20 - Junior Master Gardener Program

June 17 - Raised Bed Gardening

July 15 - Art in the Garden

August 19 - Soils / Trees, Oak Wilt

September 16 - Butterflies & Bees

October 21 - Hydroponics / Aquaponics

November 18 - Anecdotes from the Garden

December 17 - Waco Rose Society & Waco Iris Society

"Chipping of the Green"

When the holidays are over, hang on to your Christmas tree! Keep Waco Beautiful will host its annual "Chipping of the Green" Christmas tree recycling event on Saturday, January 3, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Paul Tyson Field parking lot. Load up your tree, bring it to be recycled and receive a bag of wonderfully scented tree mulch.

Last year Keep Waco Beautiful recycled 220 Christmas trees. It is easier than ever to recycle unwanted trees. For more information, contact Keep Waco Beautiful at 750-5728.

Winter Safety Tips for Pets

As the cold days of winter come upon us, veterinarians recommend taking certain precautions to ensure your pet doesn't suffer from cold temperature related injuries.

*Antifreeze is highly toxic to people and animals. Keep spills cleaned up and containers put away.

*Dogs and cats get frostbite! Any dog or cat who is exposed to very cold temperatures for more than brief periods of time can develop frostbite.

*Never leave a pet alone in a car during cold, or hot, weather. The car acts as a refrigerator and keeps the cold in.

*Much like humans, damp and cold weather can aggravate symptoms associated with arthritis in dogs and cats.

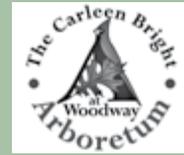
*Always make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water.



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.

2015 Art Exhibition Schedule - Whitehall Center

Photo Guild

January 5 thru February 9

Art Guild of Central Texas

February 9 thru March 16

Darrell Vickers

March 16 thru April 13

Central Texas Watercolor Society

April 13 thru May 15

***The Whitehall Center will
be closed for remodeling
June 1 thru November 30*



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CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

NEW YEARS DAY - JANUARY 1

WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY COLLECTIONS

RUN ONE DAY LATE THRU SATURDAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - JANUARY 19

ALL TRASH COLLECTIONS REGULAR SCHEDULE

PRESIDENTS DAY - FEBRUARY 16

ALL TRASH COLLECTIONS REGULAR SCHEDULE

Coming Soon

Woodway Roadrunner Festival



**Memorial Day
Weekend
May 22 & 23, 2015
Carleen Bright
Arboretum**

Mark Your Calendar

Large Item Pickup

January 8 & 9

July 9 & 10

For more info call Cust Svs at 772.4480

**Father - Daughter
Sweet Memories Dance**

February 20 & 21

Please see insert for more info

Bound for the Brave

February 21

For more info call

Corporal Dudley at 772.4470

**Woodway Family Center
2015 Summer Camps**

Registration begins in May