

# 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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*Randall Riggs,  
 Director,  
 Community Services  
 & Development*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT

The Community Services and Development Department is the hub of building, planning, and facility maintenance in the City of Woodway, encompassing Public Utilities, Public Works, Inspections and Planning, and administrative support.

The Public Works division has two crews: Streets and Parks. The Streets crew is responsible for constructing, repairing, and maintaining city streets, storm drains, and signage. Whether it is filling potholes, removing a fallen tree after a storm or removing graffiti from a stop sign, the Streets crew plays a role in maintaining our community, and in the safety of those who drive through it. The Parks crew works hard to maintain the grounds and equipment at each of Woodway's three parks: Poage, Whitehall, and Woodway Park. Each year, these parks host thousands of people, and the structures are reserved for hundreds of parties and events. The Parks crew is tasked with ensuring that they are clean, well-maintained, and safe. A Parks crew member is on call at all times, should a need ever arise. In addition, this crew maintains the grounds at City buildings, assists Code Enforcement in abatement of ordinance violations at neglected properties, and provides set-up and cleanup for various City events throughout the year including Gardeners Gathering and Family Movie Night. The overwhelming aesthetic appeal of Woodway is, in no small part, due to the hard work of these two crews.

The Public Utilities division is also made up of two crews: Water and Wastewater. The Water crew is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of each of the six wells providing potable water to the city. In addition, they must conduct water testing, repair leaks, troubleshoot pressure issues, and investigate any other questions or concerns raised by citizens. The Wastewater crew handles the daily maintenance and operation of nine lift stations throughout the city, as well as the maintenance and repair of city sewer main lines and manholes. This involves regular cleaning, repair of leaks, removal of roots or stoppages, and running sewer cameras to troubleshoot issues. These two crews often work interchangeably to provide the most efficient and effective service possible to our citizens.

All development in the City first passes through the Inspections and Planning division. This division reviews proposed construction plans, issues building permits, and conducts all necessary building inspections. The processes of platting, zoning, and site development begin in this office, and the Inspections and Planning division provides a link between potential developers and the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. Additional responsibilities include local storm-water planning, flood plain administration, and drought contingency as recommended compliance by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In addition, this office provides the administrative support for all divisions in the department, maintains the park rental schedule, and provides staff support for the Woodway Beautiful Commission.

Whether you are building a new home or replacing a water heater, enjoying a walk in the park or a cool glass of water, the Community Services and Development Department is there to ensure that you have the best possible experience. We welcome citizen input and feedback, so please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns at 772-4050.

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## Administration of Oath of Office for Newly Elected City Council Members



*Pictured left to right:  
City Attorney David Cherry, Councilmember Barbara Grandy, and  
Councilmember Bob Howard*

At the May 19, 2014 Woodway City Council meeting, returning Councilmembers, Barbara Grandy and Bob Howard, took the Oath of Office as newly elected members of the Woodway City Council.

Barbara Grandy, Councilmember at Large, was first appointed to the City Council in December 2011 and has subsequently been elected in 2012 and 2014. Prior to her Council service, Councilmember Grandy served on the Woodway Beautiful Commission, the Carleen Bright Arboretum Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Grandy's first appointment was in 1995. Councilmember Grandy is an investor.

Bob Howard, Councilmember Ward 1, Place 1, has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Woodway City Council. Mr. Howard's first appointment was to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2006. He was elected to the City Council in 2012 and re-elected in 2014. Councilmember Howard is managing partner of 855bugs.com of Central Texas.

Also on May 19th Don Baker and Jane Kittner were elected by the Council to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the next year.

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## Parking Ordinance

Utility trailers, boat trailers, campers, RVs, and motor homes can only be parked in front of the residence or on the street for up to 72 hours for loading or unloading. Parking on the grass or any other unpaved surface is a violation of the City Ordinance.

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## High Grass, Weeds and Brush

The City is asking for voluntary compliance and help to keep grass, weeds, and brush mowed and trimmed according to the City Ordinance. All grass, weeds, and brush should be kept to a height no taller than twelve (12) inches in any location. Keeping grass cut to proper length also helps lessen the possibility of grass fires and aids in controlling mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, and other pests.

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## Recognition of Woodway Youth Commission and Graduating Seniors

Corporal William Dudley, staff liaison to the Woodway Youth Commission, gave an overview of the Commission's projects and contributions over the last year during the May 19, 2014 Woodway City Council meeting. He then introduced and recognized the two Youth Commission members who graduated from high school this year, Kristina Watters and Travis Morrow, presenting each with a gift card. Following the presentation, Mayor Baker thanked the Youth Commission for their service to the City, and stated that the City is fortunate to have the Commission and Corporal William Dudley to lead them.



*Pictured left to right:  
Youth Commission graduating senior Kristina Watter, Mayor Don Baker, Youth  
Commission staff liaison Corporal William Dudley, and Youth Commission gradu-  
ating senior Travis Morrow*

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## McLennan County Master Gardeners Educational Seminars

All seminars will be held at Whitehall Center  
Carleen Bright Arboretum  
1:00 pm, \$10 admission fee

### *July 23rd - Lawn Care*

Dr. Casey Reynolds is the Texas A&M Extension Turfgrass Specialist. Dr. Reynolds' focus includes turfgrass establishment and maintenance, water, use, shade, species and variety selection, and proper pesticide application.

### *August 6th - Fruits and Nuts*

Dr. Larry Stein is the Extension Horticulturist for Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service. Professor Stein will show how to properly prune fruit and nut trees for maximum production, along with the overall care of trees before and after harvest.

### *August 27th - Central Texas Trees: Important Tree Problems; Oak Wilt and Drought*

Dr. David Appel is the head of Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Texas A&M University, College Station. He is considered by many as the "go-to" for oak wilt in the State of Texas.

[www.mclennanmastergardeners.org](http://www.mclennanmastergardeners.org)

Texas Master Gardeners Association



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## Microchip Your Pet

A pet microchip is a permanent form of identification for your dog or cat. It is a tiny chip that is injected beneath the skin of the pet and stays inside your pet for its entire life. It contains the contact information of the owner and any other relevant information. The contact information is linked to a database which can be continually updated as necessary so that the pets can easily be tracked and their owners found.

Pet microchipping is one of the most efficient methods of pet identification and is becoming increasingly popular with pet owners. Microchips are a good replacement for the traditional ID tags that pet owners have used to provide identification and contact information on their pet in the event that the pet is found as it cannot get ripped off and lost should the collar catch onto a branch or obstacle.



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.

### *Featured Artist*

**July 28 - September 2**  
**Joe Barbieri**

Joe Barbieri has been drawing since childhood, taking art classes in high school and studying drawing and anatomy at Nassau College in New York and Northlake College in Texas. It wasn't until 1992 that Joe discovered the joy of painting and the opportunities it afforded to communicate with others.

Joe paints commissioned portraits, still lifes, and landscapes, but much of his inspiration is drawn from the agrarian community where he lives with his wife and three children. He loves to communicate through his work the vibrancy of the natural world and the simplicity and beauty of the life, people, and relationships he enjoys in Central Texas.

For more information, please visit Joe's website: [jdbarbieri.com](http://jdbarbieri.com)



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## CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**INDEPENDENCE DAY - FRIDAY, JULY 4TH**

*FRIDAY COLLECTION ON SATURDAY*

## Thank You for a Record Breaking 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Day

*This year 1,108 households from Woodway, Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, Lorena, and Waco participated, bringing approximately 110,000 pounds of potentially hazardous material for proper handling and disposal, keeping the hazards out of our landfill! In addition, residents brought in almost 1,000 scrap tires.*

*Some materials were recycled, some will be reused (usable latex paint) and a smaller amount was disposed of in an appropriate manner. Over half of the material accepted was paint.*

*Thanks again Woodway for helping make this a successful event and working together to keep our environment clean.*

## Mark Your Calendar

### 4th of July Parade

*Friday, July 4, 9 am  
for parade route and more information  
please see insert*

### Original Family Movie Night

*Friday, August 22  
"Frozen"  
Movie starts at 8 pm  
Woodway Family Center lawn*

### Large Item Pickup

*July 10 & 11*

## Woodway Public Safety Association's 41st Annual Barbecue

### Police and Firefighter Fundraiser

*Saturday, September 20, 11 am - 7 pm  
Woodway Elementary School, Estates Drive  
772-4470 for more information*