

# Woodway TODAY

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## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Donald J. Baker      Mayor Pro Tem Jane Kittner  
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 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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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We will soon have a new look with lots of color along Highway 84 through Woodway.

The current plan is to plant crepe myrtle trees in the median of Highway 84 from Loop 340 to the Estates overpass, and this is only the beginning of the plan.

Funding of \$130,000 for the current part of this project comes from the prize money awarded to our City by Keep Texas Beautiful. For more than two decades, Keep Texas Beautiful, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) to ten Texas communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state each year. The prize money is restricted and can only be spent for beautification projects on Highway 84 through the City. What better way to beautify Highway 84 in Woodway than to plant crepe myrtle trees in the median of the highway?

The City Council has committed to continue planting crepe myrtle trees in future years as our budget will allow until the entire length of Highway 84 through Woodway is solid trees. This project, like most of the large projects we have undertaken throughout the years, will be spread out over a number of years. Each year we will try to work another part of the project into the annual budget until the entire project is complete.

This is the third time Woodway has won first place in the annual beautification contest. The prize money awarded the first two times the City won was used to build the towers at each end of Highway 84. A city can only win the contest every three years. Woodway has won it three times and we plan to win it again in future years when we become eligible again.

I want to thank our TxDOT Waco District Engineer, Bobby Littlefield, and TxDOT Waco District Landscape Architect, Betsy Pittman, for their assistance in planning this project. Woodway joined with TxDOT many years ago in a multi-year project to plant trees along Highway 84. Our City has always enjoyed a great relationship with TxDOT in working on projects to beautify the highway. And a special thank you to the folks in our Community Services and Development Department - Randall Riggs, Mitch Davison and Kasia Redden - for all their hard work on the GCAA application.

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## Annual Gardeners Gathering Returns

*It's Back!*

**Carleen Bright Arboretum**

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**

**1 pm to 4 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

Prepare yourself for family fun!

Plant & Wildlife Seminars \* Free Children's Activities

Craft & Plant Vendors \* Tips & Tricks from Local Gardening Societies



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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

A special Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is being coordinated by Waco Solid Waste Services on Saturday, May 3 from 8 am to 1 pm at the City of Waco Solid Waste Operations Center, 501 Schroeder Drive. Woodway, along with Waco and other local cities, has worked to organize and fund this event for their residents.

Residents of Woodway may bring unwanted household chemicals, small electronics, and batteries, oil and paint to the collection site. Residents **MUST** bring a driver's license and water bill from Woodway for proof of residency.

Some restrictions may apply. Please call the Waco Solid Waste Department at 299.2612 with questions.

### Acceptable Items:

Paint, Lighter Fluid, Solvents & Varnish; Old gasoline and gasoline mixtures; Antifreeze; Batteries of all kinds; Fluorescent bulbs, CFL bulbs ("curly"); Telephones, Cell Phones & Chargers; Cleaning Products; Lawn & Garden Chemicals, Herbicides & Pesticides; Used Motor Oil & Filters; Pool Chemicals; Televisions; Computers; Printers; Ink/Toner Cartridges; Computer Monitors; Microwave Ovens; Copiers/Fax Machines; Typewriters; Telephones; Video Equipment; Communications Equipment; Medical Testing Equipment; Laboratory Equipment; Circuit Boards; Cables, Wires, Power Cords, Power Strips; Small home appliances (no refrigerators); Anything else with a circuit board or a cord

### Items Not Acceptable:

- Freon Containing Devices/Materials (Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, De-Humidifiers)
- Yard Equipment
- Gas Powered Equipment
- Items Leaking Fluid
- PCB Containing Materials
- Large Appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Dishwasher)



## Mother & Daughter Spring Tea

Please join us at

The Pavilion at the Carleen Bright Arboretum  
Sunday, May 4th, at 3 pm

By Reservation Only  
Tables of 10 Available  
(seating limited)

Admission \$10 per person

A raffle and silent auction will be held

Remember to wear your favorite hat for the Spring Hat Contest  
and bring your favorite doll to share

Featuring Susan Russell, Harpist

For more information, please contact  
Janet Schaffer or Holly Liles  
254.399.9204

## Tips for Controlling Dog Fleas

If your dog's fleas seem uncontrollable, you're not alone. Since fleas aren't picky about which dogs they visit, it's important to protect your canine. Treating fleas early will keep your dog happy and healthy.

Fleas don't just live on your canine. Many pet owners think about fleas living on dogs, but they can take residence in your furniture, carpets and window coverings. So when you think about treating your dog for fleas, think about your house also.

Some dogs are allergic to fleas. If your canine appears to be having an allergic reaction to flea bites (excess redness and itching), call your vet.



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

**February 10 - March 19**  
**Tom Sergent,**  
**Wind Whistle Photography**

Tom Sergent has been a photographer for over 50 years and owner of Wind Whistle Photography in Eddy, Texas since 2004. Tom's studio specializes in Portraiture and Fine Art Photography. His images have appeared in The Wacoan, Waco Today, Texas Monthly and Shutterbug magazines, along with other local and national publications. Tom has a degree in fine arts and competes in both local and national level photography contests.

Tom's exhibit features examples of his studio work and images that have won in local, state, and national events. These include portraits, landscapes and fine art images.

For more information about Tom Sergent and Wind Whistle Photography, please visit his website at [TomSergent.com](http://TomSergent.com).



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## CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18**

*TRASH COLLECTION ON REGULAR SCHEDULE*

### Tips for Saving Water in the Garden

*Saving water in your garden and yard trims your water bill and saves an increasingly scarce natural resource. A water-efficient landscape can: reduce outdoor water use by 20% to 50%; save up to 10,000 gallons a year; and shave \$30 to \$70 off the average annual household water bill.*

- ◆ *Choose native plants - once established, they require little or no watering.*
- ◆ *Pile on the mulch - mulching around plants is a great way to reduce water loss and cuts down on water stealing weeds.*
- ◆ *Make paths porous - garden paths made of porous material allow rainwater to seep into the ground and nourish plant roots, not run in the street.*
- ◆ *Put thirsty plants together - group plants into watering zones. Place thirstiest plants near the house where they can drink roof runoff.*
- ◆ *Follow the sun - before you plant, get to know how and how long the sun bathes your garden.*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Daylight Saving Time Begins

*Sunday, March 9*

Don't forget to "spring" forward one hour

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