

# 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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## YEAR END REFLECTIONS 2014



This past year has been one of the most challenging but yet rewarding years in my career, a year filled with much change and growth within the City of Woodway staff. Assistant Chief Smith started his career in Woodway as a patrolman in 1986 and worked his way up to Assistant Chief where he served since 2001. Prior to serving in Woodway, Assistant Chief Smith served in law enforcement for 8 years in various other agencies in McLennan County. After serving 36 years in law enforcement, Robert Smith announced his retirement. He plans on enjoying a less

stressful life, riding his Harley Davidson and enjoying his granddaughter. As of December 31, 2014, after 35 years of service, City Secretary, Jennifer Canady retired as well. Jennifer started with the City of Woodway in 2000 as City Secretary, prior to that she served in various other capacities in the City of Waco for 20 years. Jennifer served in this key role as City Secretary working very closely with the Woodway City Council in an exceptional manner. They will both be greatly missed. This allowed for Captain Bret Crook to promote to the rank of Assistant Director of Public Safety and Donna Barkley to promote to the City Secretary. We wish both of them well.

I am happy to report that under the conservative policies of the Woodway City Council and the guidance of the Financial Director, Mr. William Klump, the City of Woodway Bond Rating was elevated to AA+ in June of 2014. The current fiscal plan developed in 2005-2007 will hopefully result in the City being debt free in the general fund by August of 2018. The annual budget presented and approved by the council was transparent and easy to read and understand. The City was also pleased to receive the Government Finance Officers Association excellence award for the 19th year in a row.

A major event that will take place this year is the Woodway Roadrunner Festival planned for the Friday night and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 22nd and 23rd. This event will be held at the corner of Estates Drive and Bosque Blvd., utilizing the entire City of Woodway Municipal Complex as well as the Carleen Bright Arboretum Complex.

The event will feature:

- Live Bands
- Animal Planet's Rattlesnake Republic
- Car Show
- Kids Zone
- Hometown stage with locals performing
- Craft and Food Vendors
- Basketball Contests

And much more, please mark your calendars and plan on attending this fun filled weekend. Please visit [www.woodwayrrfest.com](http://www.woodwayrrfest.com) for the latest on the Road Runner Festival.

The Family Center had yet another phenomenal year serving over 1,700 kids in a family fun atmosphere where they continue to replace the word "win" with "fun". The kids continue to develop team fundamentals in soccer, volleyball, t-ball, basketball, coach pitch baseball and flag football. The adult volleyball league program and summer youth camps continue to grow. The staff, under the direction of Tyler Masaichy, do an exemplary job.

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## 2014 Reflections Continues

The Carleen Bright Arboretum complex continues to be one of the crown jewels of Woodway. They continue to host weddings, business gatherings, summer concert series, as well as many other events year round. The director, Janet Schaffer, does an excellent job with the help of her staff in keeping the facility booked and beautiful. Janet is very appreciative of the many educational and volunteer associations such as the McLennan County Master Gardeners, the Central Texas Cactus and Succulent Society, Waco Rose Society and the Waco Herb Society for the hundreds of volunteer hours they dedicate to the arboretum.

In addition, the Woodway Beautiful Commission continues to work hard. They sponsor several events during the year. The ever popular yard of the month campaign highlights the care our residents place on their homes and businesses. The annual Christmas decorating contest continues to grow each year.

The Woodway Community Services Department (water, sewer, streets and parks) continue to work diligently to keep the essential amenities of the city in a very good and operational condition. The dedicated men and women work tirelessly to ensure the best quality service is provided to the citizens. The dedicated employees work 24/7 in adverse weather repairing water leaks, making road repairs, and keeping our parks well maintained.

Public Safety continues to respond to citizen requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year in a very fine manner. I urge the residents of Woodway to continue to be our eyes and ears and when they see anything out of the ordinary to immediately contact the Public Safety Department. While this year has been rough for many law enforcement agencies, I am pleased to report that the support this city has given us is excellent. This year so many of you brought food, cookies, etc, some of you with your children or grandchildren, to the Public Safety Department, thank you for taking time to show your support and more importantly be a shining example to our next generation. I would like to thank the Woodway City Council, the paid staff and all of the volunteer groups especially the volunteer firefighters for an exceptional year. Their hard work and dedication allowed me to serve this past year as the President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), which allowed many opportunities to visit and meet with representatives from all over the country and foreign countries. I had the privilege of sitting and meetings at the White House with the President of the United States, Attorney General, as well as the head of all federal law enforcement agencies. I learned a great deal, but the one consistent point I came away with is that we are served by some of the best, loyal and dedicated personnel in the world at the City of Woodway. We are governed by a council who is transparent, open and forward thinking for the good of the city as a whole.

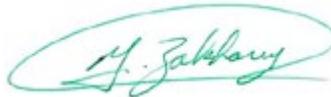
The Parks and Recreation Commission is working to continue to enhance the beauty of our parks. We look forward to the future of the Parks and Recreation Commission and we plan to develop a CIP for our parks in the coming years.

The 2014 Woodway Youth Commission assisted at several City of Woodway functions including the Children's Garden Fair, Gardener's Gathering, July 4th parade and the annual Woodway Public Safety Association Barbecue fundraiser. They have also helped during Family Movie Night and they have volunteered their time cleaning up our city parks. Perhaps their crowning achievement is conducting the 4th annual Bound for the Brave Run which raised over \$5,000 for the Texas Police Chief Association's Fallen Officers Foundation. In the last three years, they have raised over \$20,000 for this just cause. 2015 looks to be another great year for our youth commission! This year shows the continuation of the previous years' function with some new events mixed in, including Christmas caroling at local nursing homes. We are proud of what our youth commission has to offer and are pleased with the leadership they have shown in representing our city.

In 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission saw steady growth in development with an increase in platting of lots for residential homes. The Commission revised the PUD Zone Density to promote some greater densities that the market is asking for. There was some new development approved along the 84 corridor near Jordan Lane (Premiere ER, Fuego's Tortilla Grill, and Advent Orthopedic Clinic). We also saw continued development in The Colonnade commercial subdivision (Waco Foot and Ankle). In 2015, we anticipate the new Badger Ranch Phase to be submitted and we continue to see interest from developers along the 84 Corridor anticipating more future infill development with the remaining lots in that area.

I hope you had a great Christmas, a happy and safe new year and that the start of 2015 is great for each and every one of you.

Thank you for the great honor and privilege to serve you.



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## Yard of the Month

Spring is here, and the return of the Yard of the Month awards is upon us! In continuing the tradition of honoring our citizens for all they do to keep Woodway beautiful, the Woodway Beautiful Commission will vote April through October to honor four homes per month. Awards are given for the month subsequent to each vote (May award voted on in April, etc.). Each month, the four winning families will be notified by letter, and honored with the placement of a sign for that month and a certificate from Mayor Don Baker, presented during a City Council meeting.

Woodway Beautiful Commissioners make nominations each month, and those nominations are voted on by the full Commission at each month's meeting. We welcome citizen nominations throughout the Yard of the Month voting season, which will run from March 20th through October 6th this year. If you would like to submit a yard for consideration, please contact Kasia Redden in the City of Woodway Community Services & Development department.

You may submit nominations by phone: (254) 772-4050 or email: [kredden@woodwaymail.org](mailto:kredden@woodwaymail.org)

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## Residential Sewer Issues

Due to a recent increase in residential sewer stoppages, the City would like to issue a reminder that there are a number of items not intended for disposal in the sewer system: paper towels, grease, diapers, feminine products, etc. The results of a sewer stoppage can be damaging and unpleasant. City crews work hard to maintain our systems, and to repair problems as they occur, but awareness and prevention are the best tools that we have. We appreciate our citizens being mindful of proper disposal techniques, and we look forward to continuing to serve you.

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## Micro-chip Day in Woodway

Each year, thousands of lost animals are taken in by the shelter. Many animals never make it back home or back to their owners due to no identifications.

**Fuzzy Friends will be chipping animals for \$15.00**

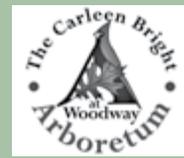
**April 11 - 10 am to 2 pm**

**Woodway Public Safety Department, 920 Estates Drive**

EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



For more information please contact  
ACO Albert Lopez @ 254-772-4470  
Or email [alopez@woodwaymail.org](mailto:alopez@woodwaymail.org)



## 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

Whitehall closed for remodel

May thru September

Central Texas Watercolor Society

October



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## CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3**

*ALL TRASH COLLECTIONS REGULAR SCHEDULE*

**MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 25**

*ALL COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK RUN 1 DAY LATE THRU SATURDAY*

## Mark Your Calendar

**Gardeners Gathering - April 12**

*Carleen Bright Arboretum - see insert for more info*

**Household Hazardous Waste Day**

*May 2 - 7 am - 1:30 pm - call 299.2612 for more info*

**Mother / Daughter Tea - May 3**

*Carleen Bright Arboretum - see insert for more info*



**Save the Date**  
**Memorial Day Weekend**  
**May 22 & 23**



*Join us in celebrating with music, food, & activities for the entire family!*

**The 1st Annual Woodway Roadrunner Festival** kicks off Friday night, May 22 with the "Zydeco Pioneer" **Classie Ballou**.

*Saturday morning starts with a breakfast for veterans to commemorate **Military Appreciation Day**. Saturday's events include: a rattlesnake exhibition with **Animal Planet's Rattlesnake Republic**; all day performance on the hometown stage & **People Choice Awards** for the art entered by Midway ISD students. Check out the car & motorcycle show & the **Kid Zone**, featuring an Amazon Zip Line, "mountain" climbing and petting zoo. Top the day off at the street dance with opening act the **Sloppy Joe Band** followed by feature act the **Chris Low Band** & the sounds of Texas music. Lots & lots of food, drinks, & goodies galore!!*