

# Woodway TODAY

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## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Donald J. Baker      Mayor Pro Tem Jane Kittner  
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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 CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM

Janet Schaffer,  
 Director of Arboretum,  
 Tourism, and  
 Recreational Services



The Carleen Bright Arboretum is not only the premiere location for weddings and special events, it is also home to some of the area's most unique gardens. Known for its resident roadrunner, the Arboretum is alive throughout the year with entertainment and educational programs.

The Carleen Bright Arboretum covers 16 acres, with over eight acres in the south-east devoted to botanical gardens. The "hidden jewel of Woodway" boasts a certified monarch way-station, pond with babbling waterfall, rose garden, two McLennan County Master Gardener demonstration gardens - the Texas Superstar Bed and Trailside Gardens - and much more. To the northwest, the Todd Willis Nature Trail winds through native woodlands, suitable for explorers young and old alike. An amphitheater with covered gazebo adds to the beautiful majestic grounds and is the perfect setting for weddings, picnics, Midsummer Nights Concert Series, Mother Daughter Tea and our newest annual event, the Father Daughter Dance.

The Arboretum offers Central Texans an attractive venue for special events. It truly is "The Perfect Place" for weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, bridal portraits, family reunions, business retreats, and more. The Arboretum offers two select venues to host your special event - Whitehall Center and The Pavilion.

### Whitehall Center

The beloved Whitehall Center is a replica of the original Whitehall Church which served the immediate area before Woodway became a city. Its beautiful stained glass windows add to its intimate ambiance. Whitehall Center is 1,800 square feet and holds 125 for a seated dinner or 180 for classroom seating. It has an adjacent terrace and 1,100 square foot patio with a ceremony arbor making it ideal for indoor / outdoor events.

### The Pavilion

A state-of-the art 10,000 square foot focus of community life, The Pavilion is the premier destination in Central Texas for life's special moments - dinners, receptions, weddings, and small conferences. The barn-inspired building is nestled within a beautiful area of native woodland and meadow, bringing guests in touch with nature. Multiple doors welcome the outside in and tempt guests onto a generous covered "front porch" facing the outdoor gazebo which is included with the rental. The Pavilion's beautiful gardens create the perfect setting for celebrations in any season, while showcasing diverse plants that flourish in Central Texas.

The Carleen Bright Arboretum values community partnerships and would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for all their support and all volunteers, societies, and friends that truly help make the Arboretum "the Perfect Place."

## Official Proclamation Safe Digging Month

### “Know What’s Below - Call Before You

At its April 14th meeting, Mayor Don Baker, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaimed April to be “Safe Digging Month” in the City of Woodway.

Each year, the nation’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, and undesired consequences occur such as service interruptions, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death.

Atmos Energy along with the 1,500 Common Ground alliance members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages.

Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our community safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation and, finally digging with care around the marks.

Safe digging is a shared responsibility, and no one should dig without first calling 811.

## 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.

Weeds are defined as a plant growing where it should not be. Most weeds fit the profile of a native plant. Weeds usually grow well and thrive in their native environment and growing conditions of your yard.

The problem is... the conditions which allow weeds to thrive usually are conditions which are unfavorable for your turf grass. As the turf declines, weeds then have room to expand and put down a more established root systems.

Crabgrass and dollar weeds do well in wet conditions. Bahia and St. Augustine grasses don’t do well in wet conditions. This makes for a great combination of grass and weeds.

The grass becomes weak and the weeds are in a perfect environment to grow and take over then start their journey to begin choking out the weak turf.

The best defense and first step in weed control starts not with chemicals but by growing thick healthy yard of grass by following good solid cultural practices.

Keeping a lawn beautiful all season long does not need to be complicated – keep grass lawn care and maintenance simple.

## Parking Ordinance

Just a reminder: City Ordinance prohibits parking of any vehicle on the street in front of a residence, on the side of the residence or on grass or dirt of a residence. For more information, please consult the City Ordinance Section 10-78. Prohibited Parking. A link can be found on the city website at [Woodway-Texas.com](http://Woodway-Texas.com) or call Code Enforcement at 772-4470.



**HOUSEHOLD**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
**COLLECTION DAY**  
OPERATIONS CENTER PARKING LOT  
501 SCHROEDER DRIVE

**SAT. MAY 3RD**  
**FROM 8AM - 1PM**  
FREE EVENT FOR RESIDENTS OF Hewitt, Lacy Lakeview, Lorena, Waco and Woodway ONLY  
A CITY WATER BILL & DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED

Automotive, cleaning, gardening and paint products, household electronics and up to 4 tires (off the rims, max size 33" tall). **No business waste or trash.**

Please be prepared to wait in line!  
For more information call the City of Waco (254) 299-2612 or go to [Waco-texas.com](http://Waco-texas.com)

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## 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



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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 lost, or found a pet, be sure to check with Public Safety.



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

**May 21 - June 23**

**Nursel Carroll**

A close look at the urban abstracts on Nursel Birler Carroll's home studio wall finds details from her cosmopolitan life. Narrow lines and pointed roofs on one suggest waterfront buildings in Amsterdam. Spires on another, New York City, and a few domes scattered through a skyline on a third, the Ottoman Empire that once ruled her homeland of Turkey.

Nursel's work as a painter is only the latest phase of a colorful life that began with her birth 53 years ago in Tokat, Turkey. Nursel studied statistics and operational research in Ankara, then moved to Paris in her 20s to study communications. She moved back to Turkey in 1988, studying art in Istanbul.

Nursel and her husband moved to Woodway in 2012.



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## **CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 26**

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

### **Helpful Hints to Conserve Water in the Yard and Garden**

*If you are planting a new lawn, or over-seeding an existing lawn, use drought-resistant grasses. Many beautiful shrubs and plants thrive with far less watering than other species. Replace herbaceous perennial borders with native plants. Native plants will use less water and are more resistant to local plant diseases.*

*Plant slopes with plants that will retain water and help reduce runoff. Group plants according to their watering needs.*

*Don't water the gutter - position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas. Also, avoid watering on windy days.*

*Water during the early parts of the day. Early morning is generally better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus. Early water, and late watering, also reduce water loss to evaporation. Watering early in the day is also the best defence against slugs and other garden pests.*

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Household Hazardous Waste Day**  
*Saturday, May 3, 8 am-1 pm*  
City of Waco Solid Waste Operations Center  
501 Schroeder Drive  
299.2612 for more information

**Mother & Daughter Spring Tea**  
*Sunday, May 4, 3 pm*  
The Pavilion at the Carleen Bright Arboretum  
By reservation only

**July 4 - Independence Day**  
*All City Administrative Offices Closed*

**Midsummer Nights Concert Series**  
*Carleen Bright Arboretum*  
*Wednesday evenings for the month of June*  
*See inside flyer for more information*

**Large Item Pickup**  
*July 10 & 11*