

# Woodway TODAY

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## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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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## 1ST ANNUAL WOODWAY ROADRUNNER FESTIVAL



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I'm excited to announce the 1st annual Woodway Roadrunner Festival to be held in the Heart of Woodway. This will be an opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of Woodway and really tie together the master plan of all community activity at Bosque Boulevard and Estates Drive. While traffic may be a little congested, the fun filled community wide event will be second to none. On behalf of the Woodway City Council and the Roadrunner Committee, I would like to personally invite each and every one to join us for this festival. A special thanks to our sponsors, dedicated Roadrunner Committee members and all those involved in the planning of this huge event!

Picture if you will - July 4th weekend 2012, 104 degrees in the shade, one thousand plus people - all at an art festival in Rock Port Texas. The heat was oppressive, but the people just kept coming and every single person was having a blast!

The festival catered to a huge crowd of all persuasions and had something for everyone. With tents and tents of art vendors, selling their wares of everything from broken china mosaics to canvas paintings to caricatures. Lots of food, beer, and live music. I thought "Woodway could do this." I took notes all the way home, writing down every detail I could remember. This was the scene that inspired me to spearhead a fun filled festival at the Carleen Bright Arboretum in the City of Woodway.

With the City Manager's help, we formed an Executive Committee consisting of persons who work for the City that were known for certain talents and/or expertise - security, logistics, advertising/media - that would allow us to build upon to make a successful event. The five of us starting meeting for lunch, brainstorming and tossing out ideas for different "themes." The event evolved from a "wine and cheese" festival to a "bar-b-que cook-off with home brewed beer" to what we have today - "rattlesnakes, cars, and zip-lines." There's something for everyone from age 2 to age 92!

We attended festivals all across the state, taking notes, gathering ideas, and collecting vendor information. We knew there were several key areas that would make our festival successful. Vendors, food, and music. We joined the Texas Association of Fairs and Events and enlisted the help of the City Council and local Veterans. With the entire community involved, our "little" festival grew!

The planning, meetings, gatherings have all been more rewarding than any of us thought they could be. Stressful, yes, but fun. We have learned so much and made so many new relationships. The momentum is still building, already surpassing any hopes that we started with. One day we hope to host a three day festival, bringing people from all over, near and far.

Please join us for our "kick-off" year and be part of the fun! May 22 and 23, Memorial Day Weekend! We will see you there!



Janet Schaffer  
 Director, Arboretum,  
 Tourism, & Rec Svs

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## Carleen Bright Turns 100!

On March 15, 2015 we had the privilege of celebrating with Carleen Bright at her 100th birthday party.

Carleen served the City for decades on various committees and boards, the last 30 years of service on the council. She served as a Council Member from 1976 to 2006 and as Mayor Pro Tem from 1986 to 2006.

Carleen served the City in an exemplary manner always putting Woodway first.

*Pictured left to right: top row - former mayors, Paul Hubbard, Terry Stevens, and James Wood; bottom row - former Mayor Don Moes, Carleen Bright, and current Mayor Don Baker*



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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 (Sec. 11-1 high grass). 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. Note: With all the rain the grass is growing fast so you may need to mow your yard more often. Keeping a lawn beautiful all season long does not need to be complicated – keep grass lawn care and maintenance simple.

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### Festival to Host 3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament

A special feature at the Roadrunner Festival will be a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament held at the Woodway Family Center on Saturday, May 23. The tournament is open to boys and girls in grades 5 thru 10. The fun starts mid-morning and will be a double elimination tournament. Teams may have up to 5 players on their roster. \$10 a person with detailed rules posted on-line. Please complete the registration form found on the Festival website under “Sports Registration Form” at [www.WoodwayRRFest.com](http://www.WoodwayRRFest.com).



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### Festival to Benefit the McLennan 100 Club

A portion of the proceeds from the Festival will be donated to the McLennan 100 Club. Established in 2012, the McLennan 100 Club is a citizen-based, non-profit organization that raises funds to help pay funeral expenses, relieve mortgage or other debt, and cover educational expenses for the family of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. The Club receives no government support, is non-political, and is entirely volunteer-driven.

Surviving spouses and dependents of all paid, certified federal, state, and local law enforcement officers working in McLennan County may receive benefits from the Club.

## Gardeners Gathering



The City of Woodway and the Woodway Beautiful Commission would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Annual Gardeners Gathering, held at the Carleen Bright Arboretum on April 12. Thirty unique vendors and nearly 650 visitors braved the unpredictable weather to come out, purchasing everything from flowers and birdhouses to fresh breads and cheeses. With free children's activities, plant seminars and martial arts demonstrations, fantastic food, and plenty of trinkets to catch the eye, there was truly something for everyone. If you joined us, we'd like to say thank you. If you missed this one, we'd love to welcome you next year. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and the Woodway Today for updates.

## Special Veterans Festival Breakfast

A special breakfast will be served to honor all our Veterans at this year's Roadrunner Festival. Veterans and their families will be treated Saturday morning at 7:00, May 23 at the Woodway Family Center parking lot, 1100 Estates Drive. Local military musicians will provide those traditional military favorites while veterans and their families enjoy a breakfast of sausage, eggs, potatoes and biscuits with gravy. Senator Brian Birdwell will head up the program as the keynote speaker. For more information or to get your ticket(s), please stop by Woodway City Hall at 922 Estates or call Veronica at 254-772-4480. \*All military personnel, past and present, enjoy free admission to all Festival activities.

## Summer Safety Tips for Pets

Animals can suffer from heat exhaustion or heat stroke just like humans on a hot summer day. When walking your pets, be sure to give them plenty of cool water. Outdoor pets should have plenty of shade and cool water, especially during the hot summer months. And remember not to leave your animals in the car - tickets will be issued to owners if a pet is found in the vehicle unattended.



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



## The Vendors

With the Woodway Roadrunner Festival around the corner, here's a peak at a few of the unique vendors you can find at this year's event:

- Avon Cosmetics
- E. Blackhurst-trends of fashionable women
- Thirty-One Gifts
- Cuddle Up Blankets & More
- D.R.'s Rock Candles
- Pics & Gifts Spirit Clothing
- Standard Hat Works
- Robinson Greenhouse
- Liberty Originals Artisan Jewelry
- Tupperware
- Purse & Clutch-handmade wares
- Merle Norman Cosmetics
- Advocate Independent Distributor of Nutritional Supplements
- Texas Cheese House
- Juice Plus
- Kristy's Kreations-baked goods
- Quick Wrench Automotive
- Scentsy
- Delightful Hearts Baked Goods
- Congress Clothing-casual clothing
- Texas Smashers-fresh fruit chillers
- Premier Designs Inc-jewelry
- Tea2Go-unique tea blends
- Crafty Creations by April-painted canvas wall decor
- Common Grounds
- Dubl-R Hamburgers
- The Mix Cafe
- Vitek's BBQ
- Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant

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## CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 25**

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

**JULY 3 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*ALL TRASH COLLECTIONS REGULAR SCHEDULE*

## Mark Your Calendar

**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*

**Woodway Roadrunner Festival - May 22 & 23**

*See insert for more info*

**Midsummer Nights Concert Series - June**

*Carleen Bright Arboretum - see insert for more info*

**4th of July Parade**

*More information to come*

## Energy Saving Tips

Saving energy saves you money. Try these simple tips this summer to cut down on those high utility bills.

- set your thermostat a few degrees higher in the summer to save on cooling costs
- install compact fluorescent light bulbs when your older incandescent bulbs burn out
- unplug appliances when you're not using them, or use a "smart" power strip that senses when appliances are off and cuts "phantom" energy use
- wash clothes in cold water whenever possible
- use a drying rack or clothesline to dry clothing when possible