

Woodway TODAY

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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

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| 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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WOODWAY PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Woodway is proud to be served by a very capable and well-trained Public Safety Department, with all sworn officers cross-trained as firefighters and police officers. In the state of Texas, there is only a handful of Public Safety Departments. Woodway is served by such a force, which works tirelessly on 12-hour shifts to maintain the high expectations of our residents. While the selection and training of these personnel is much more difficult, the benefits that accrue to the citizens in terms of officer ability and cost savings far out weigh the challenge of scheduling, recruitment and professional developments. The Woodway Public Safety Department is an excellent example of how officers can possess knowledge and skills within several fields.

Fire Safety Education

Woodway firefighters give fire safety presentations to local schools to teach students about the dangers of smoke and fire. Using the "Fire Safety House" students and teachers are able to make their way through a smoke-filled house, a valuable tool for teaching fire safety.

Traffic Safety Education

Traffic safety is a major priority with the Woodway Public Safety Department. Directed patrols are utilized by officers to target areas of special concern. These directed patrols are on residential streets, on highways, and in the school zones, reinforcing our high profile.

Public Safety Educational Service

The Woodway Public Safety Department is committed to being involved with the youth of our community. Officers and volunteer firefighters spend time each year with elementary students in and out of the classroom covering topics such as drug prevention, fire safety, and bullying.

Each year, the department has numerous requests from Boy and Girl Scout Troops for tours of Woodway Public Safety facilities. In doing so, they are able to earn their Community Awareness Badge.

Officers also participate in reading time at South Bosque Elementary School. An officer is invited to read a special book to the class at least once a year. In addition to their other duties as a Woodway police officer, they participate in career day at local schools and colleges.

Woodway Bike Patrol

The bike patrol officers are a valuable resource for patrol watches because of their maneuverability and ability to enter areas inaccessible to patrol cars. Since 1994, the bike patrol has assisted in high traffic areas and has proven itself indispensable in crowded areas of the city. The bike patrol also holds annual programs stressing bike safety, biking laws, and bike equipment. In addition, they often visit area schools to educate students on bike safety. It is the goal of every bike patrol officer to make sure that wearing a helmet is the rule in Woodway and not the exception.

The Citizen's Police Academy

In 1993, the department developed an innovative community-oriented program. The Citizens' Police Academy is an 8-week program that brings citizens into the department to learn more about the men and women who work here and the jobs they do. Participants are able to try their aim on the department's pistol range and ride along with an officer on a regular shift. To date, there have been approximately 155 graduates. All citizens and business owners in Woodway are encouraged to attend an academy.

If you are interested in attending a Citizens' Police Academy, or would like more information about any of Woodway Public Safety's community programs, please contact 772-4470.

Woodway Public Safety Promotions

Chief Yost Zakhary, Woodway Public Safety Director, is pleased to announce the promotions of Captain Bret Crook to Assistant Chief and Sergeant Larry Adams to Patrol Captain.



Assistant Chief Crook brings years of dedication and innovation to the position of Assistant Chief. A 1994 graduate of Baylor, Assistant Chief Crook has served with the department since 1996. In 1999, Assistant Chief Crook started the first Woodway Public Safety Department's K9 Unit

while he served as Corporal, and the following year he was promoted to Sergeant. In the year 2000 he completed the Southwest Law Institute School of Supervision class in Plano, Texas. In 2001 he was promoted to Captain and spent a year with the Criminal Investigations Division before returning to patrol in 2002, where he has served as Captain until his promotion to Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief Crook graduated from the FBI's National Academy for law enforcement in 2003. He has been integral in implementing modern technologies for law enforcement in the department and as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He is currently serving on the Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee for the IACP as well as the Conference Committee.



Captain Larry Adams brings considerable experience and education to the position of Patrol Captain. Captain Adams joined the department in 1999 after serving three years in the U.S. Navy. He held the position of K9 handler for the department for a time, before serving as Field Training Officer, and most recently Patrol Sergeant.

Captain Adams is certified as a Master Peace Officer in the State of Texas and currently serves as the Accident Reconstruction Specialist for the department, as well as a SWAT team member. He received his Bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University in 2013 and is currently working towards his Master's in Criminal Justice at Tarleton State University. Captain Adams is also a member of IACP and serves on the IACP Patrol & Tactical Committee.



Friends of the Woodway Parks

The City of Woodway, along with the Parks and Recreation Commission, is proud to introduce a new program to help raise awareness and education of the Woodway Parks. Woodway maintains three public parks. The largest, Woodway Park, is a part of the Corps of Engineers Lake Waco system and provides access to Lake Waco. Poage Park, located right off Highway 84 on Poage Drive, and Whitehall Park, located off Santa Fe Drive, are two perfect parks for picnics, large or small gatherings, or children play days. All three offer covered areas available for rent, as well as walking tracks, volleyball courts, and playgrounds. Woodway Park offers a competitive disk golf course along with hiking and biking trails.

Friends of the Parks lets you show that you care about our parks and want to help maintain and improve these special places for generations to come. With your membership you will help fund special events, such as Woodway Park clean-up day and promote community pride through preservation and maintenance of Woodway's historical neighborhood parks and playgrounds. Your membership will also help fund special improvement projects, such as "exercise stations" and updated tennis courts.

It's easy to join! Just complete the application flyer enclosed in this newsletter and mail or drop by City Hall. Memberships are \$5 a month, or \$60 annually, and can be added to your monthly water bill.

Help preserve our parks today for the generations of tomorrow! Thank you from the City of Woodway and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Please feel free to contact Natalie at 772-4480 or WoodwayParks@woodwaymail.org with questions.



Friends of Woodway Parks



Children's Garden Fair Scarecrow Contest Winners

Best in Show: "Super Scarecrow" created by Betti King & Ralph Calhoon

Most Original: "Super Scarecrow" created by Betti King & Ralph Calhoon

Most Life Like: "The Savy Hair Stylist" created by Ridgewood Salon

Annual Woodway Public Safety Association BBQ Fundraiser

We would like to thank the community and our business partners for supporting the Woodway Public Safety Association at the 41st Annual BBQ Fundraiser held on September 20th. We served nearly 2,000 plates of Vitek's BBQ and enjoyed spending the day visiting with the community. All funds raised remain in the community and are distributed throughout the year based on members' approval. The Association is currently funding a scholarship for MISD's Art Department, as well as funding a new brush fire truck for use by the Public Safety Department. We look forward to seeing all of you again at next year's BBQ!



Woodway employees and volunteers working hard to make this year's fundraiser a success!

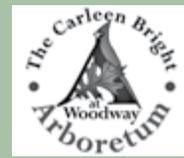
Woodway Beautiful Commission Yard of the Month - September 2014



Area 1: The Bureson Family,
209 Parkwood Place
Area 2: The Zorn Family,
8606 Gladedale
Area 3: The Geldmeier Family,
12004 Woodfall
Area 4: The Bivona Family,
426 Riverview

How to Walk Safely at Night

- Walk with a friend or co-worker if possible. Try to avoid walking alone. If you walk to or from work, try to find someone who walks in the same direction as you and walk together.
- Walk on main streets if possible. Walk in lighted areas. Avoid dark unlit areas as much as possible.
- Wear reflective or brightly colored clothing. It can be difficult for drivers to see someone walking along the roadside, especially in dark areas. Wearing bright clothing will provide more visibility and can help prevent accidents.
- Carry a cell phone. Make sure you have your cell phone at all times when walking so that you can call 911 if the need arises.
- Walk on the side of the road opposing traffic if you must walk in an area where there is no sidewalk.
- Carry a flashlight when walking. A flashlight can help provide visibility in dark areas.
- Walk directly to the nearest house or business if you feel you are being followed by someone either on foot or by vehicle. Call 911 immediately if you feel you are in danger.



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

October 15 - November 19

Central Texas Watercolor Society

The Central Texas Watercolor Society is dedicated to the education of our membership in the use of watercolor. Exhibits are sponsored by the organization to create public interest, a better understanding of watercolor as a significant art form, as well as a permanent medium of painting. Most monthly meetings have instructors who are outstanding in the watercolor field in the central Texas area. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys painting, regardless of their level of expertise.

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CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

VETERAN'S DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

TRASH COLLECTION ON REGULAR SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAYS -

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 & 28

THURSDAY COLLECTION ON FRIDAY

FRIDAY COLLECTION ON SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 & 25

THURSDAY THRU FRIDAY COLLECTIONS RUN ONE DAY LATE

NEW YEAR'S DAY - JANUARY 1

THURSDAY THRU FRIDAY COLLECTIONS RUN ONE DAY LATE

*The City of Woodway, Woodway City Council,
and Woodway Employees would like to wish everyone a
Blessed Christmas and Fruitful New Year!* 

Mark Your Calendar

Woodway Park Clean up Day

Saturday, November 15th

Please see insert for more information

**Annual City of Woodway Christmas
Decorating Contest**

Deadline for Nominations December 18

Please contact Kasia at 772-4050

for more information

**Coming Soon
Woodway
Roadrunner Festival**



Memorial Day

Weekend

May 22 & 23, 2015

Carleen Bright

Arboretum