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Important Dates

- * 5/11 Mother's Day
- * 5/12 Jury Duty
- * 5/12 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 5/19 Jury Duty
- * 5/19 First Day of Early Voting
- * 5/21 New Employee Orientation
- * 5/23 Last Day of Early Voting
- * 5/26 Memorial Day County Offices Closed
- * 5/27 Runoff Elections
- * 5/27 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

Employee Appreciation Luncheon



Employees from all over Webb County attended the Eight Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The luncheon, sponsored by the Webb County Commissioners Court, is held every year as a "Thank You" from the Judge and Commissioners to all the employees and as a way for the employees to enjoy a meal in each other's company. The luncheon is held every year in conjunction with National County Government Month, a program that raises public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. This year's theme was Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive.

National Work Zone Awareness Week Proclamation

Commissioner John Galo was joined by City Officials, TxDOT Personnel, and various law enforcement agencies in proclaiming the week of April 7-11, 2014 as National Work Zone Awareness Week. The goal of National Work Zone Awareness Week is to remind drivers to drive safely both in and out of work zones. The Texas Department of Transportation and federal transportation officials remind all drivers to obey work zone advisory signs. They also remind drivers outside of TxDOT work zones, to move over or slow down when approaching work crews, vehicles and other equipment performing maintenance and clean-up along roadways.



4th Annual Hero Salute Luncheon

Webb County Commissioners Jaime Canales hosted the 4th Annual Hero Salute Month Luncheon for all members of the military and their families. Members of all branches of the military met at Caesar's Reception Hall for a delicious lunch and special ceremony in their honor. Commissioner Canales thanked all those in attendance for their sacrifice and dedication to the United States. The veterans also thanked Commissioner Canales for his dedication and support towards the veterans by presenting him with the Commanders League Recognition Award. The luncheon was capped off with special performances by Geraldine Garza, daughter of local Vietnam veteran Joe Garza, as well as the Martin High School Band.



Community Center Event Roundup



The EJ Salinas Community Center had an Easter Celebration to great success and great turn out. Attending children enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts, Piñatas, & the chance to win one of 50 Easter baskets that were raffled. The Sheriff's Department provided music and their ID program.

The Rio Bravo Activity Center held a movie night, sponsored by the US Border Patrol. Area kids were treated to a fun movie and popcorn.



The participants of the Fernando A. Salinas Community were given a special presentation by Patricia Alvarado from the Webb County Sheriff's Department's Community Affairs Division. Participants learned of Elderly abuse.

Larga Vista Community Center hosted its Annual Easter Party. Over 150 people attended the fun event and took advantage of the Imaginarium booth, enjoyed the live music and clown show, and participated in the chance to win in one of the many raffles.



Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to webbpio@webbcountytx.gov. Stories will be edited for style, grammar, and length. Please be advised that, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be publicized.

HR To Issue New ID Cards To Webb County Employees

In preparation for the re-issuing of employee identification cards, the Human Resources staff recently received training from a company representative. Updated software was installed which will speed up the process when ID cards are reprinted in large quantities. Departments will be asked to update their personnel roster, and then the newly designed cards will be issued. Any pending employees (those without pictures), will be asked to schedule an appointment. Departments will be responsible to collect and return old cards to the Human Resources office.

Most new employees are issued cards at the time they are hired, during the New Hire Orientation. However, some may not have one. Our attempt, for security reasons - is to have all employees who work for Webb County, wear identification cards. These measures, for various reasons, need to be enforced.

Should you have any questions about this process, please feel free to call our office. Ask for Gladys Cepeda, HR/Civil Service Clerk at 523-4623 or email her at gacepda@webbcountytx.gov



Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month

Several county, city, school, and non-profit agencies joined Webb County Judge Danny Valdez and City of Laredo Mayor Raul Salinas as they proclaimed April 2014 as Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month. Representatives from the various agencies spoke on the need for people to reach out, raise the issue, and support the victims. Everyone in attendance was urged to break the cycle of abuse and assault by understanding the causes and effects of the horrific crimes and joining with the community as a whole in preventing them from reoccurring.



Autism Awareness Month

The month of April had been proclaimed as Autism Awareness Month in Webb County and in commemoration the Webb County Courthouse was lit up in blue all month long. The Courthouse lights, organized by Commissioner Wawi Tijerina, joined many other buildings across the nation in highlighting the growing need for concern and awareness about autism.

