

THE MONTHLY ROUND-UP



Webb County Judge , Tano E. Tijerina's Newsletter

December, 2015

*Message from the
County Judge*

Changes for 2016



Dear Webb
County,

As this year comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges this year has brought us. Over the last year we have successfully made some internal changes that will in turn aid us in propelling Webb County forward. I want to thank all of the Webb County employees for the hard work, dedication and commitment they have demonstrated for their community.

I know that Webb County still has much work and progress to achieve, but I also know just as much that in 2016 we will strive to be a stronger county—one which other counties will epitomize. Webb County's best days still lie ahead. There is so much more that this county is capable of and I will do everything in my capacity to help facilitate positive growth.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope your Christmas was surrounded by your family and loved ones and filled with joy, peace and happiness. We are blessed to live in a country where religious freedom allows us to keep Christ in Christmas. May we take a moment to acknowledge the blessings that surround us and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Un Abrazo Grande,

Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge



If you have ever attended or tuned into a Commissioners Court meeting you have probably followed along with the agenda provided. What most of us may not know is the work that goes into preparing the agenda. Prior to Commissioners Court, departments in Webb County submit items to the court for approval. The pre agenda committee then reviews and discusses each item one by one. This upcoming year the pre agenda committee will become stronger as we plan to turn the current committee into a consortium. Pre agenda will now be comprised of all department heads and open to all elected officials. This will allow us to execute a robust Commissioners Court that will empower us to move forward and make significant progress. If the Commissioners Court is strong, Webb County becomes even stronger.

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Christmas Dinner with the Judge



As most of us are aware, Judge Tijerina has a soft spot for our youth. So this Christmas season, with the help of local restaurateur Pete Mims, Judge Tijerina had the pleasure of dining with 19 students from the Communities in School program. These students were selected from different high schools by their counselor. Mr. Mims graciously provided a delectable gourmet four-course dinner at Border Foundry. The evening was a memorable one for Judge Tijerina as he heard the personal stories of each student and learned about their future aspirations.

- "I want to thank Communities in Schools for always empowering our students to achieve a brighter future. Thank you to the students who took the time out of their schedules to join me, you all are amazing individuals with a great future ahead of you all—never give up on your dreams! Lastly, a big thank you to Mr. Pete Mims for not only opening his doors but for also providing an exceptional dinner. Your selfless act of kindness is truly moving."

Judge Tijerina



Larga Vista Community Center

On December 15, 2015, the Larga Vista Community Center team hosted its annual blanket give away and food distribution day. Commissioner Tijerina and staff distributed blankets and food bags to residents from all over Precinct 2.

"Commissioner Tijerina and Mr. Araiza, thank you for inviting me to take part in this wonderful event. It's always an honor to be able to give back to our community!" - Judge Tijerina



COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY



With most of us working in different departments at Webb County sometimes it can be difficult for us to interact as one family. After a year of hard work and dedication it was finally time to bring us all under one roof to have a little fun at our annual Christmas party. This annual celebration allows us to release the work stress and produce a stronger team dynamic.



“It is because of each and everyone of our employees that our county is able to function as one and push forward. Thank you for all of the hard work you have done and making us the best county in Texas!”

- Judge Tijerina





Webb County Judge, Tano E. Tijerina



"I want to continue to strengthen Webb County internally and grow Webb County externally. The challenges ahead of us are many but together we can reinvigorate Webb County. In 2016, I want to start implementing long term projects that we can all benefit from 20 years from now."

Commissioner Frank Sciarrafa, Pct. 1



"I want to see Precinct 1, the area I grew up in, prosper to its fullest potential. I'm committed to seeing some recreational projects flourish, that are already in the works, for the betterment of our youth. Health and fitness is important to me, and I want our kids to have the means to be active as well."

Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Pct.2



"I would like to continue to work hard to improve the quality of life not only for Precinct 2 but for all Webb County residents. I would also like to improve infrastructure and increase the amount of projects in all Webb County. I will continue to have an Open Door policy. May the New Year bring you Joy, Happiness, Love and Good Health."

Commissioner John Galo, Pct. 3



"I will free up time in my daily schedule to improve my health, and to fit in more quality family time. I will continue to work hard to make the County accountable to you, the taxpayer. I will work to develop a long term solution to the jail, by working with the Sheriff to identify needs, location, and costs. I will strive to make the County a pro-active government that represents the needs of all Webb County citizens. I will

continue working with the Court to maximize the County revenue stream and to effectively manage all revenues."

Commissioner Jaime Canales, Pct. 4



"I want to wish all the people of our beautiful Laredo-Webb, Texas a very joyous and healthy new year 2016. This new year we plan to continue working on infrastructure projects along Precinct 4 that will attract corporate and small business investments creating trade and energy related job's in all of Webb County. The goal for 2016 is to continue working towards a better quality of life for our citizens,

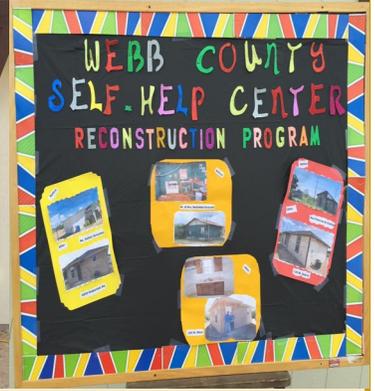
continue striving to provide the public safety we need, and creating the jobs we deserve. My goal is to continue to work closely with all of the members of the Commissioner's Court for the betterment of our county."

Meet In the Middle



J.B. Alexander High School celebrated Project Unify by proclaiming December 15, 2015, as John B. Alexander "Meet in the Middle" Day. Meet in the Middle is a program that raises awareness about individuals with intellectual disabilities and promotes building a more inclusive society. With the help of everyone we can stomp the "R" word, demolish bullying and create equality among all individuals. To view the proclamation, click on the following link, <https://youtu.be/qQ99btasi28>

Reconstruction Program



This Christmas season, three families in Colonia Pueblo Nuevo received reconstructed homes. Many people within our community live in homes that are not sufficiently equipped for safe living. The Webb County Community Actions center, through grants administered by the Self Help Center, has been able to ensure that families in our community obtain a more comfortable style of living.

"Being able to see these three families receive their homes during the Christmas season was such a moving experience. Mr. Martinez, even though you have been the CAA director for a short period, I would like to commend you on the excellent work you have done with the department in the time you have been there."

Judge Tijerina

Do you know Greg B. Araiza?



Mr. Greg Araiza has made his name synonymous with perseverance. Whenever we hear Mr. Araiza's name most of us immediately think of the cheerful figure at the helm of the Larga Vista Community Center. What most of us may not know about him is that Mr. Araiza started as a driver and maintenance worker. For two years he would pick up and drop off the elderly and in between clean the community centers. Mr. Araiza knew that one day his hard work would pay off and indeed it did! Mr. Araiza has been the Larga Vista Community Director for 6 years now.

Not only is Mr. Araiza the Larga Vista Community Center director, he is also a member of the Webb County Safety Committee and the Webb County Emergency Evacuation Management Team.

When Mr. Araiza is not motivating his team at Larga Vista, he is channeling that same energy to cheer on his favorite teams the San Antonio Spurs or the Dallas Cowboys. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, whom he's been married to for 22 years, and his daughters and grandchildren.

"Mr. Araiza your perseverance enabled you to climb the ranks from the bottom to becoming a director. For most of us success does not come easily, but you never gave up and your hard work paid off. I want to thank you for giving

Webb County your 100% since day 1. I always hear great things about you and I am proud to have you on our team!"

- *Un Abrazo Grande!*

Tano E. Tijerina

County Posadas



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Our county is rich in tradition. This holiday season our various departments hosted Christmas posadas where each department opened its doors to welcome other members of their Webb County family. It's always very humbling to see our departments giving back to one another and allowing for special moments to create lasting memories.

Next Commissioners Court Meeting:
 January 11, 2016
 at 9:00 a.m.
 January 25, 2016
 At 9:00 a.m.

Deadline to Submit Agenda Items for December:
 January 4 @ 8:00 a.m.
 And
 January 18 @ 8:00a.m.