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Important Dates

- * 5/7 Jury Duty
- * 5/13 Mother's Day
- * 5/14 New Employee Orientation 8:00am
- * 5/14 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 5/21 Jury Duty
- * 5/28 Memorial Day County Offices Closed
- * 5/29 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

La Presa Community Park Groundbreaking



Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa, joined by Judge Danny Valdez, Commissioner Jerry Garza, Sheriff Martin Cuellar and various community members, officially broke ground on Phase Two of the Larga Vista Community Park project. The 8-acre park will feature a walking/jogging trail, little league baseball field, soccer field, basketball court, picnic tables, as well as a playground. The estimated cost of the park is projected to be \$150,000.

"Community Development has been very important to me, especially when it comes to providing alternatives to our community's children. The La Presa Park not only symbolizes my commitment to community development," said Commissioner Sciaraffa, "but also my commitment to ensuring that we have united families and recreational activities for them."

March 2012 Employee of the Month



Special congratulations go out to Mr. Jorge Lopez on being named the March 2012 Webb County Employee of the Month. Mr. Lopez works with Building Maintenance as an Energy Management Technician. He was nominated for his excellent work habits and his promotion of good will among all of his co-workers. As Employee of the Month, he received a commemorative plaque, dinner for two, his picture on display in the Justice Center, as well as reserved parking for the entire month.



Hero Salute Month Proclamation

Webb County Commissioners Jerry Garza and Jaime Canales officially kicked off the Second Annual Hero Salute Month. Joined by the Commissioners Court and local-area veterans, the Commissioners read a proclamation declaring May 2012 as Hero Salute Month. Several events, including a "Keeping Our Veterans Cool" Fundraiser as well as the Second Annual Hero Salute Month Luncheon, are planned throughout the month in support and recognition of all members of our armed forces. Employees are also encouraged to wear red on Fridays as a show of support to our troops.

Purchasing Department Certification

Members of the Webb County Purchasing Board acknowledged the certification accomplishment of the Purchasing Department. The Webb County Purchasing Department has undertaken training and certification of all department employees. Dr. Cecilia Moreno, purchasing agent, is the first department employee to meet the requirements as a Certified Texas Purchaser. The certification comes from the office of the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; requirements for certification include a minimum of 32 hours of training and successful completion of the CTP exam. All purchasing department employees are preparing for the exam.



County Courthouse Commemorates National Autism Awareness Month

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



Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Nearly 700 Webb County employees attended the Sixth Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The luncheon, sponsored by the Webb County Commissioners Court is held every year as a "Thank You" from the Commissioners to all the employees and as a way to thank them for all their hard work. It is held in conjunction with National County Government Month, a program that raises public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. Joining the Commissioners this year was Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade who spoke to the employees about the upcoming elections and also promoted the "Make Your Mark on Texas" program. The program is aimed at answering questions about voting and the voting process for Texans in the 2012 election cycle.



Larga Vista April Events Roundup

Celebrations were not in short order in Larga Vista Community Center as they held events that residents of all ages could enjoy.



Commissioner Tijerina celebrated Easter with the elderly during the Center's Annual Elderly Easter Luncheon. Joined by residents of Bruni Community Center, Larga Vista gave out baskets and raffle gifts as the elderly celebrated Easter.



Children were not left out as Larga Vista also held their Dia De Los Niños Celebration. Over seventy people enjoyed tasty snacks, gifts, games as well as a show by Payasita Sonrisitas.

Elections

As election time approaches, all Webb County employees are reminded to let their voice be heard and vote. Early Voting begins on May 14th and runs through May 25th. Election Day is May 29th.

For more information you can visit the Elections Administration Office in the Billy Hall Building, Suite 103, or call them at (956) 523-4050

The State of Texas is also disseminating valuable information through their voter website: www.voteTexas.gov

Let's put an end to Apathy and VOTE!

Civil Service?

Have you ever wondered?

- What exactly is Civil Service?
- How can Civil Service help me?
- Does Civil Service mean I can't get fired?

The Civil Service Commission wants to answer these questions and any others you might have about the Civil Service process. If you have any questions or suggestions on how it can be improved, then you do not want to miss the upcoming

Civil Service Workshop

WHEN: Thursday April 12, 2012
WHERE: 2nd Floor Conference Room, Administration Building
TIME: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

NOTE: Department Heads and Supervisors are encouraged to print and distribute this notice for the benefit of employees that do not have computer access.

Civil Service Workshop

On April 12, 2012 approx. 50 people attended the Civil Service Workshop. This was the 2nd of its kind so far in the 2011-12 fiscal year. County employees who attended this workshop had a variety of good questions for the Civil Service Commissioners; Chairman George A. Juarez, Vicki Cantu and Alfonso Maldonado. Fourteen departments were represented. Be on the lookout for future events such as these in order to have a better understanding of how civil service develops and enforces rules regarding the selection and employment of Webb County employees! *Webb County Civil Service Rules and Regulations* can be found on the Webb County web page (see Administrative Services section) and/or on the "T" drive.

Keeping Our Veterans Cool Fundraiser

Hero Salute Month continued at full speed with the "Keeping Our Veterans Cool" Taco Fundraiser. Held on the Courthouse grounds, the funds from the event will go to purchasing fans for needy veterans to use during the hot summer months. Hero Salute Month will continue with a press conference held by Commissioners Jerry Garza and Jaime Canales on Tuesday, May the 8th. Both commissioners expressed their desire to better the lives of those who had given their all for this country. They expect that many veterans will benefit from this program and that others will be inspired to heed the call to help those sacrificed their lives for freedom.



Crime Victims' Week Proclamation

Commissioners Jerry Garza and Jaime Canales, joined by elected officials, the Sheriff's Department, and members of various law-enforcement entities, proclaimed the week of April 23rd as National Crime Victim's Week. Many victims of domestic crimes are unaware of the rights the law provides to them. The sheriff's department will be joined by other law enforcement and non-profit organizations to promote victims' rights education. A Candle Light Vigil was held on the Pond in front of the Laredo Energy Arena to honor and remember the victims and survivors of domestic violence.

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.