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Important Dates

- * 10/12 Columbus Day County Offices Closed
- * 10/13 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 10/15 New Employee Orientation
- * 10/19 Jury Duty
- * 10/26 Jury Duty
- * 10/26 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

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Domestic Violence Proclamation



Webb County stood together against Domestic Violence as the 19th Annual Domestic Violence Coalition Proclamation took place. The Webb County Sheriffs Department held the event to raise awareness of an issue that is real and is serious. Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, joined by city and county officials, read the proclamation and encouraged everyone to take action against domestic violence so that together we can make a difference! "Freedom of domestic violence is a fundamental human right."



SOL Honorees

With festivities soon starting, the Laredo Main Street SOL (Streets of Laredo) Masquerade announced the Honorable 111th District Court Judge Monica Z. Notzon and the Honorable Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina as the 2016 Rey y Reina SOL Honorees. These distinguished honorees were selected for their commitment and vision to enhance the quality of life in Laredo by focusing on the important role the Historic Downtown District plays in our city. Laredo Main Street is an organization dedicated to preserving, developing and promoting Downtown Laredo.

New Associate Judge Sworn-In

On Monday, September 14, 2015 the formal public ceremony was held for newly sworn-in Associate Judge Melissa Joy Garcia. The Honorable Judge Oscar Hale presided over the ceremony which took place in the 49th District Court. The District Judges for the 49th, 111th, 341st and 406th were all in attendance. Also in attendance were Judge Garcia's family, friends, & colleagues. Judge Garcia was selected for this position by the Webb County District Court of Judges. The position of Associate Judge to the Webb County District Courts is a newly created position. The new Associate Judge will handle an array of matters, both civil and criminal.



Crime Lab Ribbon Cutting

City, county, and state officials came together for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Texas Department of Public Safety Oscar "O.J." Hale Crime Lab. Mr. Hale is a long-standing pillar of the community and is a member of the Webb County family, working in the District Attorney's Office. The new laboratory includes Drug Analysis, Breath Alcohol, and has added Serology/DNA and firearms. It currently accommodates 12 Forensic Scientists and has growth capabilities for additional personnel.



New TAEA President

On September 1st, the Texas Association of Elections Administrators (TAEA) held a meeting together with the Secretary of State's 33rd annual seminar for County Officials, in which Webb County's Elections Administrator, Oscar Villarreal, was named President of the TAEA. For the last 12 years, Villarreal has been part of the Webb County family, dedicating his time, efforts and expertise to ensuring that public trust towards our electoral system remains among current and future voters. In the year 1999, Villarreal became CERA certified (Certified Elections/Registration Administrator) through the Election Center and he is currently a member of the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT).



Best Wishes To Dr. Cecilia Moreno

Congratulations go out to Dr. Cecilia M. Moreno on her remarkable trajectory with Webb County. Dr. Moreno is now retiring and we would like to wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Thank you Dr. Moreno for your time and dedication to Webb County!



Walk & Learn Event

Webb County Administrative Services department hosted its 1st "Walk & Learn" event as part of its Wellness Program to huge success. The early Saturday event had Ms. Crisanta Musset, Extension Agent from Praire View A&M University, as keynote speaker and instructor. The Administrative Services department would like to thank all those employees who attended the event and for supporting this new venture as well as department director, Ms. Cynthia Mares, for always encouraging new adventures on the county's road to wellness.



811 Excavator Training



The Webb County Administrative Services department held a training on proper excavating procedures. Mr. Chago Villarreal from AEP showed attendees the shocking truth when improper electrical and digging procedures are followed. He encouraged the attending departments to practice safe excavating practices not only at work, but also at home.

Community Center Event Roundup



The **Carlos Aguilar Activity Center** partnered with Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa and BCFS Health and Human Services to promote "Infant Mortality Awareness Month." Visiting agencies provided important resources and attendants took part in a balloon release to mark their commitment to reduce infant mortality.



The **Bruni Community Center** kicked off Breast Cancer awareness month by hosting the MOM (Mammos On the Move) mobile unit. MOM strives to reach women all over wide to ensure that they are receiving this potentially life-saving exam.



The **Larga Vista Community Center**, in collaboration with LCC, is happy to announce that the ESL Fall classes have been extended from Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-12:30 pm at the Larga Vista Library. For more information contact Marisela Morales at (956) 794-4436.



The **Santa Teresita Community Center** held their 16 de Septiembre celebration. Guest were treated to mole, flautas, rice, and beans and played several games of lotería.



The **Ladrillito Activity Center** started the school year by implementing an "After School Assistance Program" with Dovalina Elementary School.



Members of the **Fernando A Salinas Community Center** joined together to celebrate the new autumn season and look forward for a better and brighter year.

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.