



City Newsletter



City Council Meeting: September 8, 2015

City of Watauga

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Mayor's Message



Hector Garcia
Mayor

The summer has come to an end and all of the children are back in school. Please remember to obey the posted speed limits when traveling through active school zones. Also, remember that cell phone use is prohibited in school zones and please remain cautious and aware of all the school crossings. The safety of our children is paramount.

You should also consider that different speed limits are generally in effect in other districts as well, including parks and hospital areas, both within Watauga and throughout the State of Texas.

For Watauga, the month of September represents the final month of the City's current fiscal year and the adoption of the budget for the upcoming year which begins October 1. For the coming budget year, the City has faced some challenges with appropriations due to medical insurance rates which have increased dramatically over the previous year as well as new requirements imposed by the State Legislature. Financing various projects the City needs to complete has been tough, but the staff and City Council have worked hard to make sure the budget is balanced. Together, we have spent many hours in meetings and open discussions over the past few months to insure that City services remain at the highest possible levels.

I am very proud to work with all of the great personnel we have employed for the City. The staff and Council remain diligent about monitoring the fiscal sustainability of the City, making efforts to promote growth and ensuring that services are provided at the least cost possible. Together, we hope to continue making Watauga "A Great Place to Live!"

WATER AND SEWER VOLUME RATES TO CHANGE



The City purchases water from North Richland Hills via Ft. Worth and sewer services directly from the City of Fort Worth. Each year, the City of Fort Worth reviews their rate structure and makes necessary adjustments that are passed on to their customer cities. Watauga has not increased customer rates since December, 2011. Due to these rising wholesale costs each year, it is necessary to pass through these costs to our customers in the form of a rate adjustment beginning in September 2015. As an example, a customer with 802 cubic feet of water usage would see a monthly increase of \$3.56 on their water bill. Pass through rate adjustments are likely again January 2016 once Ft. Worth finalizes their rate structure for 2016.

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Hall

817.514.5800

Community Center

817.514.5828

Senior Adult Center

817.514.5892

Municipal Court

817.514.5715

Public Library

817.514.5864

Public Works

817.514.5806

Water Billing

817.514.5705

Fire Department

817.514.5770

Police Department

817.514.5870

Animal Service Center

817.656.9614

Citizen Concern

Hotline

817.514.5815

Emergency

911



All City Offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 for Labor Day. Trash pick-up will not be affected.

Watauga Public Library Events

Weekly Event Information Available Online at: www.wataugatx.org/library

Job Search 101

Wednesday, September 16th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Join us for a free Job Search 101 class conducted by the City of Watauga Human Resources Director, Marcia Reyna. Topics will include: resume basics, cover letters, job interview techniques, and job searching techniques.

Space is limited. Please register at the Reference Desk or call 817.514.5865.



Author Appearance by author Julia Heaberlin

Thursday, September 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meet thriller author Julia Heaberlin. She will give a fascinating presentation about her novels *Lie Still* and *Playing Dead* as well as the writing and publishing process. This presentation will be interesting for book lovers, potential authors, and anyone interested in a good story. Her newest novel, *Black Eyed Susans*, was released this summer.

Exploring Your Family Tree Genealogy Class

Monday, September 14th and 28th 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join genealogists as they assist you with researching your family history. The instructors will help you overcome any obstacles in investigating your ancestry. This class is good for beginners and experts alike.

Homework Help Center -Begins Tuesday, September 15th

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Homework Help Center is open during the school year and offers help with homework at no charge to students in 1st through 6th grades. Parents must register at the Library. Call 817.514.5865 for more information.

English Reading, Writing, and Speaking Class

Tuesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

English for Life

Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Learn American English and culture through speaking, reading and writing. These classes will help you communicate better in English. Great for work. Build life language skills. Each class includes conversation and interactive instruction. Basic knowledge of English required. Not for beginners.

U.S. Citizenship Class

Mondays- September 28th – November 2nd 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This six-week course will help adults prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam. Students must read, write, and speak basic English to take this class. Sign up at the library reference desk.

Read 'Em and Eat!

Monday, September 21st from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

A book club for people who love books and food. Read *Tender at the Bone: Growing up at the Table* by Ruth Reichl, and please bring a dish from your childhood to share.

GED Classes



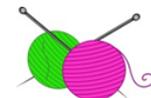
Call the reference desk at 817.514.5865 for more information.

Clubs and Groups

Open to adults ages 18 & up. Call 817.514.5865 for more info.

Knitting and Crocheting

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Quilting and Needlework

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adult Chess Club-Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Bridge Club-Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Youth Services

- Story Time is on vacation in September. It will start again on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.
- Bilingual Story Time will not take place during September, but will return on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Chess Club will not be held during September. It will resume on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Pokémon will continue during September on Monday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m.



The Hispanic Heritage Dancers from Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church will perform traditional dances for us. This entertaining and educational program is for the whole family. While you're at the Library, make sure you check out the Youth and Adult Spanish Collection.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Come and visit **Alliance Chiropractic and Massage** in our new building now located at 5720 Watauga Road, Suite 100. At the new and improved Alliance Chiropractic and Massage we have state-of-the-art facilities with exceptional doctors to help solve your health concerns. We have been serving the Watauga community for 15 years. Our services include on site X-ray, decompression traction for the elimination of herniated discs and a full array of passive and active rehabilitation equipment. We treat neck pain, back pain, headaches, sports injuries and injuries from car accidents. Our awesome staff includes chiropractors and 3 full time massage therapists. We have evening hours until 7:00 p.m. Bring this article with you through the end of 2015 and take advantage of one of our special offers:

- ◆ **Complimentary spinal consultation and examination**
- ◆ **\$39 1-hour massage**



For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 817.281.0008 or visit us online at Alliancechiromassage.com.



Alliance Chiropractic & Salon 75

Welcome to SALON 57 now located at 5720 Watauga road, Suite 200, our stylists are eager to make you look your best. We offer haircuts, color, highlights, conditioning treatments, perms, waxing, updo, styling, extension, make up artistry, acrylic nails, nail art, pedicures and all hair and nail needs. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Gift certificates are available. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit us online at: salon57-watauga.com



Hello Watauga!

World Changers International was back in town last month doing more volunteer residential revitalization and they did another outstanding job for the citizens of Watauga at several locations within the city. If your property is in need of exterior revitalization and you're 62 years or older, disabled, handicapped or a single head of household with dependent children and meet certain financial requirements you may qualify for the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program. For more information or an application contact Stephanie Flores at 817.514.5842. See our recent progress below.



BEFORE



AFTER

Senior Center



AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Watauga Senior Adult Center

7857 Indian Springs Rd.

\$15.00 AARP Members

\$20.00 Non Members

One Day 4 Hour Class

To receive a discount on your insurance, contact your agent to see if you qualify.

Call 817.514.5892 to RSVP.

Tarrant County Senior Jamboree

Fun filled day full of friendly competition, activities, music and food. This free annual gathering for adult seniors will feature geocaching, horseshoes, noodle golf, washers, disc golf, hayride, fishing and more. Open to anyone 50 years and up. Attendees are encouraged to bring their smile and their game.

Friday, September 25, 2015

YMCA Camp Carter

6200 Sand Springs Rd 76114

For more Information contact:

Vickie Atchley at 817. 514.5892 or

vvickers@cowtx.org



Nutrition Program Series

Back to Basics

Friday October 9th, 16th and 23rd 10:00 a.m.

1 hour class, minimum 10 individuals to attend all 3 classes.



HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE EXPO FOR BOOMERS & SENIORS

Friday, October 2, 2015

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

FBCE Campus West,

209 N. Industrial, Bedford, TX. 76021

(Northwest Corner of Hwy. 183 and N. Industrial)



Albertsons Flu Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Watauga Senior Adult Center

7857 Indian Springs Rd.

- Influenza/Flu
- Pneumococcal
- Tetanus (Tdap)
- Shingles (must call in advanced)



Medicare and insurance accepted.

For details, call 817.431.8985.

Meows & Howls

Watauga Animal Services Center

5203 Watauga Rd 817.656.9614

Saturday, September 12, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) will be joining us to provide low cost vaccinations and other various pet services.

Cash or Charge ONLY

TCAP Services:

Rabies Vaccination	\$5.00
Flea and Tick Prevention	\$10.00
Heartworm Prevention	\$20.00-\$30.00
Other Various Vaccines	\$10.00

Watauga Animal Shelter Services:

Micro-chipping	\$15.00
City Registration	\$5.00



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www.facebook.com/WataugaAnimalServices



SPLASH AND DASH

Saturday, October 24, 2015 12:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Watauga Animal Services Center

5203 Watauga Rd. 817.656.9614

Let us do the dirty work and wash your dog!

All animal participation in the Splash and Dash must present a current rabies vaccination certificate. For more information, call 817.656.9614.

****All proceeds benefit the animals housed at the shelter****
Monetary donations are appreciated.

