



City of Watauga CITY NEWSLETTER



October 2015

City Council Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2015 6:30 p.m.

City of Watauga Welcomes New Public Works Director



Paul Hackleman joined the City of Watauga on July 27, 2015 as our new Public Works Director. Paul holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Texas and Arkansas. He is also a certified Flood Plain Manager in Arkansas. Paul has over six (6) years of experience as the Public Works Director in Texarkana, Arkansas. He also worked for the City of Grand Prairie, Texas as a Civil Engineer designing and managing Capital Improvement Projects for six (6) years. Paul has an additional ten (10) years of experience working for private engineering consultants designing various commercial, municipal, state and residential projects. Paul is

married to Michelle Hackleman, an elementary school teacher at Shady Grove Elementary, and they have three sons: Luke (7), Owen (6) and Cole (4).

Paul is responsible for the operations of the Public Works, Code Enforcement and Fleet and Building Maintenance divisions. As the Public Works Director, he also leads the community revitalization efforts which have been prioritized in Watauga's City Council strategic plan. He plans, organizes and coordinates the activities of all field operations including the repair and maintenance of the City's streets, storm drain system, drainage channels, water and sewer system, fleet and city buildings and structures. Paul is also responsible for commercial and residential building construction and inspection.

The City of Watauga would like to welcome Paul to the team and wish him success.

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Community Center

817.514.5803

Senior Adult Center

817.514.5892

Job Line

817.514.5801

Municipal Court

817.514.5715

Public Library

817.514.5855

Public Works

817.514.5806

Water Billing

817.514.5705

Fire Department

817.514.5770

Police Department

817.514.5870

Citizens Concern

Line

817.514.5815

EMERGENCY

911

City of Watauga
7105 Whitley Road,
Watauga, TX 76148
Phone: 817.514.5800
Fax: 817.281.1991
www.wataugatx.org
Charter Cable-
Channel: 190
Verizon-
FIOS Channel 44

Have a Safe Halloween!

Safety tips from the Watauga Police Department

- S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O**nly walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E**nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.
- N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



Watauga Community Center

HALLOWEEN BASH 2015



Saturday, October 24, 2015

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Watauga Community Center
7901 Indian Springs Road

Games, Candy Prizes, Bounce
Houses, Costume
Contest & more!

Haunted Hay Ride
&
Haunted House

Friday and Saturday, October 23-24, 2015

7:00-10:00 p.m.

\$5.00

RUNNING SCARED 5K

October 17, 2015

7:00 a.m. Registration

Race Time 8:30 a.m.

Pre-Registration Before October 12th

\$10.00 Kids 17 and Under

\$12.00 Adults 18 & Older

Registration & Packet Pickup Oct. 14th-15th

\$12.00 Kids 17 & Under

\$15.00 Adults 18 & Older

Race Day Registration

Oct. 17th 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

\$15.00 Kids 17 & Under

\$20.00 Adults 18 & Older

Contact the Watauga Community
Center for more information.

817.514.5828 or www.wataugatx.org

Online registration available at quickscores.com/Watauga

T-shirts will be awarded to all runners. Awards and prizes
will be given out to the top 3 finishers in each age group.

Senior Center

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wed., November 18, 2015

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

Watauga Senior Adult Cen-
ter

7857 Indian Springs Rd.

\$15.00 AARP Members

\$20.00 Non Members



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)

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.



Watauga Senior Adult Center
7857 Indian Springs Rd.



Reducing Stress

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Watauga Senior Adult Center
7857 Indian Springs Rd.

Watauga Public Library

Panic at the Prom: A 1980s Mystery

Saturday, October 24th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Welcome to the 1980s, a time of MTV, valley girls, Rubix's Cubes, and the classic high-school dance movie. Join librarians as we recreate a 1980s prom and host an interactive mystery after hours. Solve a suspenseful murder mystery using clues that lead teams closer and closer to the culprit. 1980s prom attire is not required but highly encouraged. For ages 15 and up. Please register in advance. Space is limited.

Real World Crime Scene Investigation

Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join a Watauga Police Department detective and officer as they demonstrate various CSI techniques and dispel many of the myths created by TV dramas. Have all your burning crime scene investigation questions answered by the experts! This program is best suited for teens and adults.

Parenting Styles Workshop: What Kind of Parent Are You?

Thursday, October 15th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This free class will help you discover a balanced parenting style that is appropriate for your child's developmental level and effectively reduces misbehavior. Call the reference desk to reserve a spot. 817.514.5865

Help for Attending Trade School or College

Monday, October 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Come meet a representative from the Educational Opportunity Center and learn how to apply for financial aid and college admissions, how to determine the right educational/career path for you, and more! The EOC provides one-on-one help to adults who are curious about ongoing education or vocational training. All EOC services are free!

Plants That Attract Birds and Butterflies

Thursday, October 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join Tarrant County Master Gardener LaVonne Nowlin as she helps you bring beautiful birds and butterflies to your home garden.

Read 'Em and Eat: a Foodie Book Club

October 19th from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Join book lovers and foodies as we discuss a new book every month and share food inspired by the story. Call the library for October's book title. 817.514.5855

Genealogy Meetups

Monday, October 12th and 26th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Are you new to genealogy and don't know where to begin? Do you need help researching your family history? Do you want to share discoveries you've made? Do you love genealogy? Then this is the group for you! Join our group and learn from experienced amateur genealogists.

Youth Programs

Story Time

October 6 & 7	Colors of Fall!
October 13 & 14	Beautiful Birds
October 20 & 21	Harvest Time
October 27 & 28	Happy Halloween



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 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.

Costume Creation-Thurs., Oct. 15, 2015, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Do you want to be a knight, a wizard, butterfly, fairy, magician, a Polynesian dancer, princess, or prince? Come to the Library and let your imagination run wild! Join us for an afternoon of family fun. All supplies will be furnished.

WizArt Club-Friday, Oct. 16, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

We will make tissue paper and acrylic Fall leaves! WizArt is a volunteer group of art students from the Art Wheel Studio located in Keller, TX. They will offer free art classes at the Watauga Public Library the third Friday of each month to children 5 to 12 years of age. Registration is required and you may register at the Youth Desk. Registration for the October class begins on Thursday, October 1st. Space is limited to 25 students. All supplies will be provided.

Frankenstein's Workshop- Family Program

Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come visit Frankenstein's Workshop and join in the fun! Aja Jones will be here for a night of ghoulish adventures.

Bilingual Story Time, Thursday, Oct. 1, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. with Mrs. Paola Baucom

(First Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m.)

Join us for a very special time of stories and crafts for children 6- to 10-year-olds. We will enjoy stories in Spanish and English. Activities will teach participants about Spanish language and culture. Non-Spanish speakers will use the program to help them learn Spanish in a fun way. The program will help Spanish speakers connect with their Spanish heritage.

Pokémon League, Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.

Bring a starter pack of Pokémon cards and join Pokémon enthusiast at the Library. All skill levels are welcomed. Volunteers are available to help beginners.

Chess Club! Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Teen Volunteers provide the instruction.

Business Spotlight of the Month



Melrose Nail Spa
7600 Denton Hwy Suite 124



Newly reopened and under new management, Melrose Nail Spa located at 7600 Denton Highway can accommodate all your nail, facial, and waxing needs. Their hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. You may schedule appointments ahead of time at 817.656.4300 or they accept walk-in appointments as well. Additionally, they offer group party discounts for your special occasions and gift certificates.

Public Works Tip of the Month

Dallisgrass is a plague on turf lawns throughout the south, but with diligence and a little knowledge about how to kill dallisgrass and how to prevent its return, this pernicious weed can be eradicated from your lawn. Dallisgrass grows at an alarming rate and unfortunately it, like your normal grass, has to be maintained at no more than 12 inches in height. The key to eliminating dallisgrass is three fold: Lawn health, pre-emergent and post-emergent attacks. The first method of control is to maintain a healthy dense turf through proper watering, mowing and fertilization. The second stage is the use of a pre-emergent. One that is toxic to crabgrass will also be an effective dallisgrass killer. There are three useful post-emergent treatments for dallisgrass control: (1.) digging out the offending plants, (2.) post-emergent herbicides for crabgrass removal and (3.) spot treatments with non-selective herbicides, these can be useful for minor infestations. A cautionary word about this method is that non-selective herbicides kill any plant they come in contact with. And remember when you mow and edge please refrain from blowing grass into the street as it could possibly clog or slow down the storm drain system's ability to handle storm water run-off. This practice is a violation of city ordinance and could lead to possible legal action. For more information call, 817.514.5806.



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 was necessary to pass through these costs to our customers in the form of a rate adjustment that began 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.

