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A Message From the Mayor...

August 27, 2017, will always be remembered as the day Harvey poured nearly 50 inches of rain on Webster. Roadways were underwater and the rain proceeded to fall as Webster emergency operations staff remained at work answering devastating 9-1-1 calls, responding to high-water emergencies, and monitoring the storm closely through the day and night.

While many of our citizens did not incur major damage to their homes, unfortunately, some homes were damaged by flood waters. However, Webster residents and business owners wasted no time uniting to care for their neighbors in need.

Throughout the devastation, many communities reported failures to their infrastructure, but Webster's infrastructure remained solid throughout the event. Webster's water and wastewater systems remained operational, the water was never compromised and it remained safe to drink. Prior to Harvey, Public Works crews inspected our drainage systems to remove any debris that could have impeded drainage.

Harvey taught us that we are in this together, and lending a helping hand to your neighbor will pave the way for a stronger community in the future.

Webster residents are strong, considerate, and resolute, and not even rising flood water and mountains of debris can take that away from us. We are Webster strong, Webster proud!



Records Management Day *Monday, October 9*

While state and federal offices, post offices, and banks will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 9, the City of Webster will take a day to manage departmental records.

All employees will report to work as usual, but city offices will be closed to the public to take advantage of an uninterrupted day to sort through paperwork and process records in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

The City hopes to continue the plan in the future, as needed, to improve customer service and efficiency in locating documents and reducing storage needs.

Regular garbage service, police and fire will operate as normal and all emergencies will be handled as usual. For more information contact Records Manager Rose Hamidian at 281.316.4136.

BAY AREA MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, October 28

The Bay Area Medication Take Back Day will be at the Webster Fire Station, 18300 Highway 3, on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

You can participate by driving through one of the drop-off sites where law enforcement will take your medications for proper off-site disposal.

All unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications are accepted. Please do not bring sharps.

Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families sponsors the event to lower the risk of drug abuse.

During the Take Back Day in May, a total of 51 cars dropped off 169.3 pounds of unused medication to Webster Fire Station.

Webster encourages the community to take advantage of the day to clear out your medicine cabinets and get rid of unused medication in a safe way.

For more information, contact Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families at 281.284.0370.



Welcome to Webster *New businesses in the City*

The City of Webster is continuing with its mission to develop the city's northwest quadrant. During the September 5 City Council Meeting, it was approved for the Mariposa Clear Creek Planned Development to begin construction along FM 528, behind the new Emmons Car Dealership.

Mariposa Apartment Homes at Clear Creek will serve the population ages 55 and up, and will consist of approximately 180 units on 14 acres of land. The developer, Bonner Carrington, LLC, has developed other senior communities in Texas, including locations in La Porte and League City.

Galveston Bay Paint and Decorating, LLC opened in Webster at 16864 Highway 3, as an authorized Benjamin Moore Retailer Plus dealer. The business specializes in paint, stains, disinfectant, sanitizer, and fungicide cleaner, which is in high demand in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

The Tile Shop recently opened at 1261 W. Bay Area Boulevard, offering one of the largest tile and accessory selections in the region. The Tile Shop's extensive inventory includes a wide selection of all kinds of tiles, as well as materials for walls, countertops, and backsplashes.

Home2 Suites held its grand opening in August, at 600 W. Texas Avenue. This is the City's 18th hotel, which is a monumental achievement for a city that encompasses just 6.7 square miles. It is a top-notch facility for overnight or extended stay visitors.

Be sure to check out the new businesses opening in Webster, and always shop, dine, and play the Webster way.

WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED BEST PRACTICES RECOGNITION STATUS

On August 23, Webster Fire Department received the award and designation of "Recognized Best Practices Fire Department" from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association (TFCA) Best Practices Recognition Program.

Webster Fire Department, Belton Fire Department, and South Montgomery County ESD #8 became the ninth, tenth,

and eleventh departments in the state of Texas to achieve this status.

These Best Practices cover all aspects of Fire Department management and services including but not limited to Administration and Organization, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Prevention, Risk Reduction, Community Outreach, Safety and Health, and Professional Standards and Conduct.

The TFCA Best Practices program provides a pathway for a fire department to push its level of service to a level of excellence that is validated by independent experts. This designation demonstrates to customers of these organizations that their fire department is among the very best in the Texas fire service.

Webster Fire Department will be recognized at the TFCA Executive Conference in February 2018. The City of Webster is proud of Fire Chief Patrick Shipp and all the members of the department for their hard work and dedication to the safety of those in Webster.



Thank you to all the Webster residents and businesses that brought food and showed support to our hardworking emergency operations staff during Harvey. The support from the community has been amazing!

BAY AREA MEDICAL CENTER OPENS LABOR AND DELIVERY CENTER

In September, Bay Area Regional Medical Center joined Clear Lake Regional Medical Center by offering moms-to-be Women's Center services.

The new family-centered labor and delivery rooms provide care for new moms and babies with a family-centered approach.

The hospital will now have childbirth classes to help you and your birthing team understand the labor and delivery process, as well as a myriad of other classes for new parents.

Clinical staff has been trained for situations for patients from routine deliveries to high-risk births. Bay Area Regional also has a neonatal intensive care unit for babies born prematurely or with medical concerns.

Bay Area Regional Medical Center is located at 200 Blossom Street. For more information call 281.525.7000.





Left: Gail and Floyd Myers ringing in the holidays at the Webster Senior Luncheon in 2016.

Below: Floyd Myers sworn in as Mayor during a council meeting in 1999.



WE ARE WEBSTER

FLOYD AND GAIL MYERS

Before Floyd and Gail Myers moved to Webster in 1959, they relished in the city's quaint, small-town atmosphere. Gail's uncle had lived in Webster, and she had visited him and his family since she was a young girl. Her family was from East Houston, so the large yards and sprawling green pastures in Webster lured her in.

In 1956, at the age of 17, she married Floyd Myers and the two had aspirations of moving out of Houston into a small town like Webster.

So, in 1959, they purchased the property from Gail's uncle in Webster and built a house in 1962, and made this City their home.

"We made our first payment on the house on the first of September and Hurricane Carla hit on the 9th," Gail explained. "Our friends said, 'I can't believe you made such an awful mistake moving down there.' Then in November, NASA was announced and those same friends said, 'how lucky can you get!'"

It didn't take long for the Myers' to become involved in the City, in fact, Floyd began attending council meetings regularly before the family had even moved. After that, Floyd continued to be very active in every aspect of the City.

"We moved in on a Saturday, and Floyd went to the fire department meeting on that Tuesday," Gail pointed out.

He was a member of the Webster Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years. He was a member of the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Directors for 26 years and served at various times as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. He was the Texas Association of School Boards President from 1981 until 1982 and was on the Houston-Galveston Area Council in many capacities from 1971 to 1990. He was also the Webster

Civic Club President, and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Floyd was a Municipal Court Judge before being elected and serving as Mayor of Webster for a number of years while also working as an attorney-at-law.

Of all his accomplishments on Council, Floyd is most proud of annexing Clear Lake City land into the City of Webster.

"We would've been boxed in and Webster couldn't grow anymore," explained Floyd. "But we annexed the land and I wanted to annex even more."

During this time, Gail remained busy, raising their three children and being a part of the Celebration Committee, the Board of Adjustments, and working as an election judge.

She recalled the election days in Webster as being a celebration, with everyone in the City getting involved and voting.

"Webster has grown, and a lot of things have changed for the better, but a lot of things have been lost, as well," Gail explained. "On election day everyone got together and went from house to house having a party. It was a really close town."

Floyd and Gail now stay busy spending time with their three children, 12 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

"We were pioneer people when we first moved here," Gail joked. "There was no road to the house, no phone, no communication whatsoever."

Strawberry fields that once surrounded their home are now developed and bustling with activity.

"When we moved to Webster we had two little girls and a tiny two-week-old baby," Gail reminisced. "We started participating in Webster activities the day we moved in and we never quit."

"We have made so many friends and know good people that live here, and I can't imagine leaving here and living anywhere else."

CITY HALL CONNECT

CITY SECRETARY CRYSTAL ROAN



After high school, Crystal Roan was eager to follow in her Grandmother's footsteps and become a nurse. But once she began the nursing program, she realized the medical field was not for her and she was left at a standstill, unsure of what to do next.

As a way to keep things moving, a relative suggested for Crystal to apply for an open position with the City of La Porte. The position was a temporary role filling in as the receptionist who was out on maternity leave.

Never had Crystal imagined that she would have a future in local government, but the City of La Porte had a lot in store for her. She

first began filling in for other women in the city who went out on maternity leave. This constantly changing job gave her an opportunity to gain experience in nearly every aspect of the city.

She soon accepted a permanent position as building clerk in La Porte, but Crystal wasn't satisfied.

Enthusiastic to learn more and be challenged further, she applied for and accepted the Assistant to the City Manager position in La Porte.

"The assistant city manager was a very smart man and it was a great experience working for him," she explained. "He was tough, he built my confidence, and he helped me to learn to pay attention to detail."

When he eventually left, a new city manager from Lubbock took over the City of La Porte with a strong work ethic, a dynamic personality, and some killer stiletto heels.

"She showed me how to be a strong woman and I've carried that along with me," said Crystal. "She did it all while wearing pencil skirts and stiletto heels. You'll notice that I always wear heels, too."

"She was always doing something innovative. She was a dynamic person that left a mark on my life. I appreciate everything that she taught me."

When the City Manager told Crystal that she would like to organize a triathlon within the city, Crystal took over, and that year the City of La Porte had their very first triathlon. According to Crystal, nearly 200 competitors from all over swam in the Galveston Bay, biked over the Fred Hartman Bridge, and ran around the San Jacinto Monument.

"It was a really great accomplishment to make that happen," she recalled. "I worked long hours and it was a challenge. But every time you give me a challenge, I will rise to it. The toughest positions are where I thrive."

When Crystal felt that her time in La Porte had run its course, she took a leap of faith and applied for the Deputy City Secretary position in Webster. She had heard about Webster's City Secretary Pauline Small and knew that she could learn a lot from her.

She received her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification from the University of North Texas in 2011, and her Certified Municipal Clerk certification through the International Institute

of Municipal Clerks that same year. Crystal is now working toward receiving her Master Certification, a title that not many in the country have achieved.

"That is my goal, and I am going to get it," Crystal insisted. "I want that MMC behind my name."

In December 2015, Pauline Small retired as City Secretary and in January of 2016, Crystal Roan became Webster City Secretary. In her very first year, Crystal was named the Municipal Clerk of the Year for the Salt Grass Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, and she was nominated for the Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year. She has been nominated again this year for the honor.

She is currently serving a second term on the Scholarship Committee of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, and her second term as the Chair of the Texas Municipal League Booth Committee of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association. She has also recently served on the Nominating Committee and the Resolutions Committee.

Crystal has enjoyed the opportunity to teach for six years on the Houston Galveston Area Council Step by Step team and two years on the Texas Municipal Clerks Association Election Law team.

"It is fulfilling to teach in front of 200 clerks and teach first-timers how to run an election," Crystal explained.

In her spare time, she can be found reading, traveling with her husband Eric, or spending time with her family.

"My motto is work hard and play hard," Crystal said. "When you aren't at work, enjoy your time away."

Although Crystal has only been in her position for two years, her accomplishments have been impressive, to say the least. She thanks, City Council for allowing her the opportunities to continue her education and branch out into other opportunities.

"I can honestly say that I am glad to be a part of the Webster community," she explained. "I am fortunate to lead a team of professional, dedicated, and efficient women in the City Secretary division. They work hard every day to provide excellent customer service to our community, council, and colleagues."

"Every day I am encouraged by new challenges. I am fortunate to work with a knowledgeable city manager and executive team. I think the Webster community is going in a positive direction and I look forward to being here for a long time."

Below: Crystal Roan with Pauline Small after accepting Municipal Clerk of the Year award from the Salt Grass Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

TAG THE CITY OF WEBSTER ON FACEBOOK OR USE #WEBSTERHALLOWEEN TO BE FEATURED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE!

Don't cry because it's over...

The Texas Avenue Splash Pad will reopen in the spring

The Splash Pad at Texas Avenue Park will be closing for the fall/winter season on November 1.

Guests are welcome to enjoy the other wonderful park amenities such as tennis courts, walking trails, baseball fields, covered basketball area, playground, and picnic tables with grills.

Texas Avenue Park is located at 17100 Texas Avenue in Webster and the splash pad will reopen Spring 2018.



WEBSTER CLEAN UP WEEK AND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE CANCELED

Due to Republic Service's high demand following Hurricane Harvey, the City of Webster Clean-Up Week and Garage Sale have been canceled.

We encourage the community to donate any unwanted goods or items.



FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

FEMA is utilizing the Webster Civic Center located at 311 Pennsylvania Ave., in Webster as a Disaster Recovery Center for those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. The hours are Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Please share this information with family and neighbors. This center is not limited to Webster residents.

▼ HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 23 and the City of Webster is thankful for amazing residents!

City Offices will close at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 for the holiday and offices will reopen on Monday, November 27.

Residents should be aware that there will not be trash pick-up on Thanksgiving Day. Republic Services will resume trash pick-up on the next regularly scheduled service day.

▼ WEBSTER EAGLES

Since December 2013, two beautiful bald eagles have made Webster their home in the winter. Resident Paul White monitors the birds and posts regular video and photo updates to his Facebook page.

The nesting cycle will begin in early November and the community is invited to keep up with the flying friends by following Paul White on Facebook or visiting the City of Webster Facebook page for shared posts. Check out next months newsletter for more information.

▼ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Get an extra hour of sleep when Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5 at 2 a.m.! Don't forget to change your clocks! This is a good time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well.



▼ MEETINGS

The Webster City Council will have a regular meeting on **Tuesday, November 7 and November 21 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Webster Economic Development Corporation will meet on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Special meetings may be added, and meetings may be canceled if there are no agenda items. Check cityofwebster.com for meeting information.

▼ HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day is November 11, and the City of Webster honors all those who serve!

Keep in mind that City Offices will close at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, and will remain closed on Friday, November 10. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 13.



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October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Special City Council Meeting 6 p.m.	City Council Meeting CANCELED				
8	Records Management Day! City Offices Closed	Webster Economic Development Corporation Meeting 6 p.m.		Webster Tae Kwon Do Every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	Senior Game Night 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	
15	Webster Aerobics Mon. & Wed. 6 p.m.-7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6 p.m.				Webster Aerobics Every Saturday 8 a.m.-9 a.m.
22		Visit the splash pad before it closes for the season on November 1			Senior Game Night 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Medication Take Back 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
29		Happy Halloween				

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