



Watauga City Newsletter ~ April 2015

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April City Council Meeting: April 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

All City Offices will be closed April 3, 2015 in observance of Good Friday.

Mayor's Message



Hector Garcia
Mayor

This an exciting time for the City of Watauga as city staff work with various contractors on developing projects that were established as priorities during the Strategic Planning Sessions held last year and again this year in early February. City staff is also beginning to work on next year's budget to ensure that the many services the City offers continues to be affordable and sustainable for our citizens. City Elections are just around the corner which always brings a level of its own anticipation. Currently, there are four City Council members that have received their Municipal Official Certification through the Texas Municipal League and I am very proud of each of their accomplishments.

Finally, it's almost that time of year for everyone in the City to enjoy our Wild West Watauga Fest. This year the festival will be held from April 17 through April 19 at Capp Smith Park. There will be activities for everyone including a carnival, Ferris Wheel, Hammer Drop, Food Trucks, a beer garden and of course live bands. Please make plans to join us for this enjoyable weekend of entertainment and activities for you and your family where you will have the opportunity to meet your fellow citizens all while having a great time and making Watauga, "A Great Place to Live!"

Business Spotlight-Pho' Big Bowl



Come in and experience pho' at its finest at Pho' Big Bowl. Pho', Vietnam's national dish, is a rich, flavorful noodle soup dish with slow-cooked meat and tender vegetables. The owners of Pho' Big Bowl have 20 years of experience preparing this famed dish as well as rice and stir-fry dishes. The restaurant is family owned and operated and located at 6531 Watauga Road, Suite 100B. They offer a great lunch special for pho' beef and chicken noodle soup: \$6.99 for any size bowl! The lunch specials are available between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. every day. Pho' Big Bowl is open Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more information you can find them on Yelp or call 817.770.4342.

Maintenance Tip of the Month



Hello Watauga! Unsightly conditions on your property are made up of items stored outside in public view or in the backyard and may be a violation of the City of Watauga Code of Ordinances. Items include but are not limited to; any kind of debris, trash, tires, scrap metal, construction materials, or anything that may become a rodent harborage or hold stagnant water. Please take advantage of the monthly bulk curb side pick-up available in your area. If you need assistance determining whether or not certain items are a violation, we are here to help answer your questions. Please call Public Works at 817.514.5839 or 817.514.5843 and ask to speak to a code enforcement representative. Thank you for your help in trying to keep Watauga a "Great Place to Live." See you next month.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Watauga is looking for exceptional people to join our team. Visit our website www.wataugatx.org to view our Employment Opportunities.



Got Drugs?

Safely dispose of your unused or expired medication at the Watauga Police Department. The prescription drop box is located in the lobby of the police department. Lobby hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No ID required. This service is available to residents of the City of Watauga and surrounding cities.

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

Animal Service Center

817.656.9614

Citizen Concern Line

817.514.5815

EMERGENCY

911





General & Special Election - May 9, 2015

The City of Watauga is a Home Rule Municipality and operates under a Mayor-Council-Manager form of government. The Mayor and seven (7) Council Members are elected at-large. The City Secretary serves as the Election Officer for the City of Watauga. City elections are conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and are held on the second Saturday in May of each year. For more information, please contact Zolaina Parker, City Secretary at 817.514.5825 or by e-mail at zparker@wataugatx.org.

GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

There will be a General Election to elect the Mayor and City Council Places 3, 4 and 5 on Saturday, May 9, 2015. For more information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.514.5825.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

There will be a Special Election to elect an individual to fill the unexpired term for City Council Place 1 on Saturday, May 9, 2015. For more information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.514.5825.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

April 27-30, 2015	Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May 1, 2015	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May 2, 2015	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May 3, 2015	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 4-5, 2015	Monday-Tuesday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

***EARLY VOTING SITES** will be located throughout Tarrant County. For your convenience, Watauga City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, will be a site in Watauga. For more information on other site locations, please contact Tarrant County Election at 817.831.VOTE (8683).

You may also view a listing online at <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote/site/default.asp>



ELECTION DAY VOTING
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015
WATAUGA CITY HALL
7105 WHITLEY ROAD



Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The City of Watauga is looking for citizen volunteers to serve on various boards, committees, commissions and corporations. The City Council relies on these groups to make informed decisions, and it is a perfect opportunity for citizens to get involved in their local government.

Citizens may serve on more than one board, committee, commission or corporation. If you are interested in serving the City of Watauga, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.514.5825 for more information. You may also fill out the form electronically on the City website at www.wataugatx.org, or pick one up at the City Hall.

Watauga Senior Adult Center-7857 Indian Springs Rd.

AARP Tax Aide

Wednesdays

April 1 - April 15, 2015
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Watauga Community Center
7901 Indian Springs Rd
Call for an Appointment

817.514.5892 or
817.514.5828

Must pick up Intake Form prior to
appointment

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, May 13, 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

**(Must Bring AARP Membership Card to receive
discount). To receive a discount on your insur-
ance, contact your Agent to see if you qualify.**

Drivers 18 and up can attend this program

Call 817.514.5892 to RSVP

Must have 10 participants for class to make.

Matter of Balance

Wednesdays

April 1, 2015 - May 20, 2014

Watauga Senior Center

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Call 817. 514.5892 to reserve your
seat.

*Must have 10 participants for class
to make.*



KARATE

Come and enjoy American Karate at the Watauga Community Center. Classes focus on a broad range of proven self-defense measures that concentrate on the student's age group. Classes are for ages 6 and up. Instructor: David Cortez.

- Classes run from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- Class time will depend on age and skill level. Please call David Cortez for more information at 469.955.8894.

Meows & Howls!

Watauga Animal Services Center
5203 Watauga Rd. 817.656.9614
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Come see us at the
Wild West Watauga
Fest!*

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

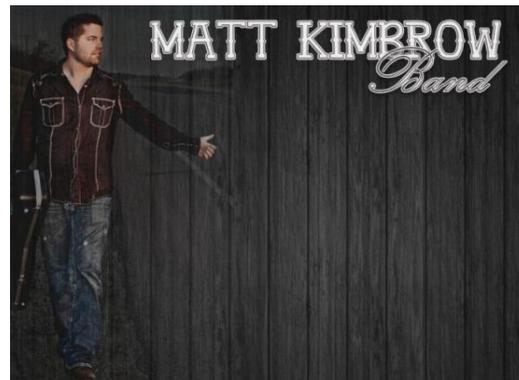
Watauga Animal Shelter Services:

* Micro-chipping	\$15.00
* City Registration	\$5.00



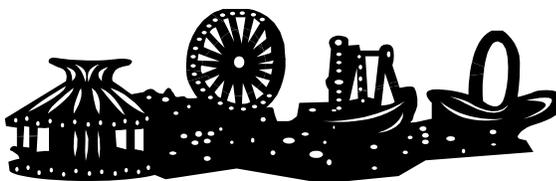
Wild West Watauga Fest Capp Smith Park April 16-19, 2015

Saddle up your horses and buckle up those spurs. It's time again for the Annual Wild West Watauga Fest. Come enjoy our Live Music from *Me and My Monkey*, *Incognito*, *POO Live CREW* and headliner *Matt Kimbrow*. Take a leisurely stroll through the old Watauga depot where you will find treasures a plenty! The kids can enjoy midway rides at the Carnival. When you get a hankerin' for a bite to eat, we have you covered with some of the tastiest treats this side of the Mississippi. Wild West Watauga Fest will also host a second stage area where local dance groups and aspiring young musicians will perform.



Friday Night Band: Incognito

Saturday Night Bands: Me and My Monkey, POO Live CREW and Matt Kimbrow



No coolers allowed.



National Small Business Week is fast approaching and all our local Watauga businesses and residents are invited to participate! The 52nd National Small Business Week will be **May 4-9th**. Please visit www.wataugatx.org/sbw to preview the events that will take place. Join the conversation on twitter or Facebook using #SBW2015 and #WataugaSBW. For more information or to RSVP, contact Victoria Vaughan at 817.514.5813 or vvaughan@wataugatx.org.



Watauga Public Library Events: April 2015

National Library Week is April 13th through April 17th

Celebrate National Library Week with a Literary Cake Decorating Contest and Tasting on Wednesday, April 15th and a Book Bonanza Giveaway on Thursday, April 16th. Plus, come in anytime during the week to pick up a limited-edition bookmark. Be sure to complete a survey to let us know what you'd like to see more of in your library. Call 817.514.5865 for more information.

North Central Civic Ballet

Thursday, April 23rd
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate spring with a lovely performance by the North Central Civic Ballet. The MasterWorks Series, Arts Council Northeast and the City of Watauga present free performances on selected evenings throughout the year. Come and enjoy a beautiful ballet that all ages will appreciate.

Container Gardening and Plant Exchange with the Master Gardeners

Saturday, April 25th at 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join the Master Gardeners as they give a presentation about container gardening. We will also have a plant exchange after the lecture. Plus, help us start our very own community seed exchange in the library. Please bring seeds you're willing to add to our new seed collection.

Exploring Your Family Tree Genealogy Class

Monday, April 13th and Monday, April 27th
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

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 Classes

Tuesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Improve your English-speaking, reading, and writing skills at these classes. The teacher will also provide optional homework. Basic knowledge of English required. Not for beginners.

Library Book Club

Thursday, April 16th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss the book *The Kindness of Strangers: Penniless Across America* by Mike McIntyre.

GED Classes

Call the reference desk at 817.514.5865 for more information.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Every 2nd and 4th Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Newbies and experts alike are welcome to join us for a new needlework group. Learn how to knit or crochet in a fun and friendly environment. Please bring needles/hook and yarn.

Story Time

April 1 Down On The Farm-Bunny Petting Zoo
April 7, 8 Grow Garden Grow!
April 14, 15 I Love My Library!
April 21, 22 Celebrate Earth Day!
April 28, 29 Bunches of Bugs



Down on the Farm Bunny Petting Zoo!

April 1, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Down on the Farm Petting Zoo will bring 25 bunnies for you to pet. Who knows, the Easter Bunny might just drop by when he learns that 25 of his best bunny friends are at the Library!

International Leadership School of Keller Art Show,

April 6 - April 17, 2015

Don't miss the art show by the talented students from International Leadership School of Keller on display at the Library.

Watauga Public Library Art Club

Friday, April 17, 2015 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pasta Jewelry - A Mother's Day Surprise!
Teen Volunteers 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, beginning April 1st. Space is limited to 20 students. All supplies will be provided.

Bilingual Story Time,

Thursday, April 2nd at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
with Mrs. Paola Baucom

(First Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.)

Join us for a very special Story Time for children 6 to 10 years old. 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 Night!
Mondays, 6:00 p.m. to 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 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Teen Volunteers provide the instruction.

