

WATAUGA City Newsletter

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"A Great Place to Live"

January 2014

Watauga City Hall
7105 Whitley Road
Watauga, TX 76148
(817) 514-5800

Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(excluding holidays)

Community Center
(817) 514-5828

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

Mayor's Message:



Hector Garcia
Mayor

The start of this New Year is without a doubt a time to reflect on the many goals and plans we will strive to achieve during the coming twelve months. The City of Watauga will begin this New Year with strategic planning sessions, which I'm hopeful will be the foundation of a clear and concise vision for the future of the City. The City's Elected Officials and Staff will continue working together as a team to make certain that vision is accomplished and becomes a reality. Additionally, the City will continue to provide excellent services and ensure all the needs and expectations of citizens are met to make Watauga, "A Great Place to Live." I invite each of you to reflect on what your personal goals and objectives will be for 2014; and on behalf of the City of Watauga, may the New Year bring you and your loved ones much joy, good health, happiness and prosperity.

The City of Watauga Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 2013. This is the 28th year the City of Watauga has received this award. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.



Home Owners Rehabilitation Program

Tarrant County offers a housing repair program for Tarrant County residents living outside the boundaries of the Cities of Fort Worth, Arlington and Grand Prairie. Both are Block Grants from HUD administered by the Tarrant County Community Development and Housing Division. Your income must fall below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) limit as shown below.

in Household:

- 1-\$36,900
- 2-\$42,150
- 3-\$47,400
- 4-\$52,650
- 5-\$56,900
- 6-\$61,100
- 7-\$65,300
- 8-\$69,500

Program Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in this program, you must meet the following qualification:

- Have an annual income below the HUD established income limits
- Own your home (place of residence for at least one year)
- Have no more than two liens placed against the property
- Must meet at least one of the following criteria;

Handicapped

Disabled

62 years of age or older

Family with dependent children living at home (under the age of 18)

Types of Repairs

- Roof
- Foundation
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Weatherization

Tarrant County Community Development and Housing Division
1509-B S. University Dr., Suite 276
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817)850-7940



Father Daughter Dance

Friday, February 7, 2014 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
 Watauga Community Center
 7901 Indian Springs Road

Ticket Sales: January 2-February 1, 2014

Dad's (Grandfather's, Uncle's ETC)
 Must purchase tickets.
 \$17.00 for Dad and Daughter
 \$8.00 For additional Daughter



Price Includes:
 Appetizers & Desserts
 A picture with Dad
 A gift for the young ladies

Space is Limited, Reservations Required
 For more information contact Emily Mead
 at (817) 514-5891

Matter of Balance

Free, eight-week class that lessens the fear of falling, increases strength and balance through exercise and reduces the risk of falls .

Wednesdays
 January 8 – February 26, 2014
 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Watauga Senior Adult Center
 7857 Indian Springs Rd

Reserve your seat by calling (817) 514-5892
Must have 16 Participants

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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

\$15.00 AARP Members \$20.00 Non Members

(Must Bring AARP MembershipCard to receive discount.)

***Drivers 18 and up can attend this program.**

One Day 4 Hour Class

**To receive a discount on your insurance contact your Agent to see if you qualify.*

Watauga Senior Adult Center
 7857 Indian Springs Rd.
 Call (817) 514-5892 to RSVP.



AARP Tax Assistance

Have your income taxes done by an AARP professional and for free.

Wednesdays
February 5, 2014 - April 9, 2014
12:00 p.m.. – 4:00 p.m.

Watauga Community Center
 7901 Indian Springs Rd

Call the Senior Adult Center or Community Center to schedule your appointment. Tax forms need to be picked up at the Senior Adult Center or the Community Center prior to your appointment.

(817) 514-5892 Senior Adult Center
(817) 514-5828 Community Center

Adult Sports Calendar Winter 2014

Sport	Fee	Registration Begins	Registration Ends	Season Begins
Basketball	\$250.00	Jan. 6, 2014	Feb. 17, 2014	Feb.25, 2014
Men's Open Team				
4-on-4 Flag	\$225.00	Dec. 2, 2013	Jan. 6, 2014	Jan. 12, 2014
Football	Team			

***Please note—Dates are subject to change.**

Visit our website at www.quickscores.com/watauga or contact the Watauga Parks and Community Services Dept. at (817) 514-5828 for more information.

Volunteer Coaches are always needed. Pick a sport and then fill out the Volunteer Application. *Background checks are completed on all applicants.



Animal Services

January 11, 2014 * Animal Service Center

Vaccination Clinic

Cash or Charge

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Micro-chipping and City Licensing

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Life Line Screening

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Watauga Community Center
 7901 Indian Springs Rd.
 Call 1-800-897-9177

During the November 18, 2013 Council Meeting, changes to the Fence Ordinance were passed concerning the following items:

Item	Change
Metal Poles	Required for pole replacements and for new fences. Pole specifications added to ordinance
Wood Composite Material	Added to allowable material list
Masonry Walls	Required for Commercial districts and on side and back yards that face street for new developments
Fence Leaning	Required repair by property owners for lean >15 degrees measured from vertical

2014 City Observed Holidays	
New Year's Day	Jan. 1, 2014
President's Day	Feb. 17, 2014
Good Friday	April 18, 2014
Memorial Day	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Sept. 1, 2014
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 27, 2014
Day After Thanksgiving	Nov. 28, 2014
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24, 2014
Christmas Day	Dec. 25, 2014
New Years Eve	Dec. 31, 2014

Code Enforcement will allow a grace period to educate residents on the new ordinance. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at (817) 514-5839 or (817) 514-5843.

Watauga Public Library - 7109 Whitley Road - (817) 514-5855

Quilting Group
Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Do you want to quilt but don't know how to begin? Have you started a quilt you want to finish? Join the Watauga Public Library Quilting Group for a fun time sharing the joys of quilting.

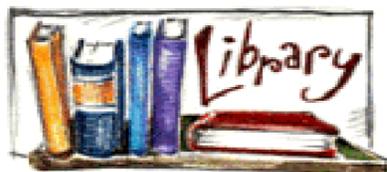
Attention! The date and meeting time for the quilting group has changed in 2014.

Knitting and Crocheting Group
Newbies and experts alike are welcome to join us for a new needlework group. Please call 817-514-5865 for more details.

Bridge Club
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Do you love to play bridge? Do you want to learn? Join the new Bridge Club group at the Watauga Public Library. Call 817-514-5865 for more information.

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. **Volunteers ages 16 to adult, especially bilingual in English/Spanish, are needed for the Homework Help Center.** If you are interested in volunteering, please call the volunteer coordinator at 817-514-5865 or stop by the Library.



Conversational English Class
Every Thursday from 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Would you like to practice spoken English in a supportive and friendly environment? Join other adults working to improve their English under the guidance of an English-speaking teacher. Students will speak with each other and the teacher. Optional homework will also be provided to continue the learning experience. Please stop by the reference desk and register before attending your first class or call 817-514-5865 for more information.

English as a Second Language Tutors Needed

If you are interested in helping an adult learn English, then the Library needs your help! You don't need to know any language but English to tutor a student. We have a new ESL instructional program at the Library called Ventures which uses colorful workbooks and audio to teach students. All training materials are provided by the Library with funds from the Dollar General Literacy Grant. For more information about how to become an ESL Ventures volunteer tutor, please contact Dana Harper, Adult Services Librarian, at 817-514-5865.

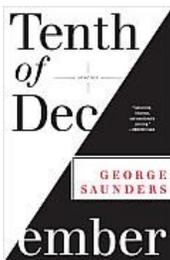
Adult Chess Club
Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Ages 18 (out of high school) and up are welcome! All skill levels from beginner to expert may participate, but the emphasis will be on learning, helping those who want to improve, and having a good time. For those 18 and under, the Library has an active Youth Chess Club that also meets on Wednesday evenings. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

Watauga Public Library - Continued

4th Thursday Adult Book Discussion Group Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:30-7:30 p.m.

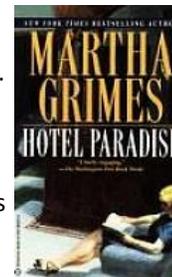
The Adult Book Discussion Group will talk about the book *Tenth of December* by George Saunders. This collection of short stories delves into questions of what makes us truly human. Saunders has been described as a master of the short story.



Dream Big
READ!

Mystery Book Lovers Club Thursday, January 9, 2014 6:30-7:30pm

The Mystery Lovers' Book Group will discuss *Hotel Paradise* by Martha Grimes. A mysterious lake, a crumbling abandoned house, and the murder of a young girl all come together in this puzzle-filled story.



A Preview of the Sherlock Holmes Production by the Center for Home Education Thursday, January 9, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Important letters written to Alice's sister before she died, are now in Alice's possession but everyone seems to want them for various evil reasons. . . The hero of the story, Sherlock Holmes and the Prince of Bohemia are both trying to get the letters, but so are many villains. This witty and mellow-dramatic show will spin a story for you about these pursuits . . . Will Sherlock get the letters? Will he save Alice, the damsel in distress? Or will the villains prevail? Come see a preview of this show at the Watauga Library!

Bilingual Story Time-Thursday, January 2, 2014, 4:00p.m.-5:00p.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-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 Night!

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

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

Yu-Gi-Oh Card Club

Friday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Teen volunteers will be glad to provide the instruction and get you started.

WizArt-January 17th

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

January's art project will be a Fish Bowl Collage.

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, beginning January 2nd. Space is limited to 25 students. All supplies will be provided.

Chess Club

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 -6:00 p.m.
Teen Volunteers will provide instruction. All skill levels welcomed.

Story Times

January 7, 8	Frosty the Snowman
January 14,15	Cowboy Up!
January 21,22	Penguin Power!
January 28,29	Happy Chinese New Year



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