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**ALL CITY OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED
 Friday, JULY 4,
 2014 FOR
 INDEPENDENCE
 DAY.**

**CITY
 DEPARTMENTS**

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

Watauga City Newsletter



JULY 2014

Mayor's Message:



**Hector Garcia
 Mayor**

The Volunteers in Police Service Group, or VIPS, is an organization derived from the Watauga Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association which is designed to assist the Watauga Police Department with various duties including patrolling neighborhood streets, shopping centers and schools, performing bailiff duties for the Municipal Court, and filing Police records in the Records Department. VIPS shares its mission with the Watauga Police Department, which is "to provide the highest quality service while safeguarding individual liberties and building positive community relationships." Volunteers of VIPS are provided a vehicle to perform their patrol duties and are required to report by radio incidents that require emergency assistance, criminal activity, and inoperative traffic lights and damaged or faded traffic signs. They also provide assistance with traffic control when the Fire Department responds to a fire. In addition to all of these duties, they also provide for student and safety watches during and after school hours. There is a school for training VIPS personnel, usually held once per year, for those who wish to join the organization. The Police Department welcomes all citizens interested in joining VIPS and appreciates their efforts in helping make Watauga "A Great Place to Live!"

Election Results:

The 2014 General Election was held May 10, 2014. The results are as follows:

CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Mike Steele	119	97	216
Kip Edwin Woodruff	107	37	144
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 2	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Brandon Krausse	186	101	287
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 6	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Patrick T. Shelbourne	191	98	289
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 7	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Bob Davis	189	98	287
SPECIAL ELECTION			
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 3	EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
Sandy Bush	87	33	120
Lee W. Griffin	105	70	175
Russell Clements	27	20	47

For more information on the City Council Members and the General & Special Election please log on to the City Website at: www.wataugatx.org.

Department Spotlight: Police Department



The Watauga Police Department is dedicated to providing quality Police services to all the citizens of Watauga. The department is made up of several divisions including Animal Control, Bike Patrol, CID, Patrol, Motors, K-9, Training and Community Services. The Watauga Animal Service Center is a top of the line Shelter to manage Watauga's animal management needs. At any time we will house 30 to 40 dogs, cats and various other animals. The Staff, consisting of the Center Supervisor, Animal Control Officer, support staff and volunteers are responsible for overall control, registration and vaccination. The shelter is located at 5203 Watauga Rd.

Watauga created its Bike Patrol unit in 2012. It is designed to expand our crime fighting capabilities by deploying officers silently in high risk areas of our city. Arrests and Community response indicate that the concept is providing a safer city. Eight of our Patrol Officers are cross trained in bicycle patrol.

Our Criminal Investigation Division is staffed with non-uniform detectives who are responsible for gathering crime scene evidence, follow-up interviews with witnesses and suspects and filing cases with the District Attorney's Office. Four detectives and supervisory staff are assigned to CID.

The Patrol Division is the backbone of our crime fighting effort. Patrol officers carry the responsibility for managing Beat activity, both criminal and citizen assistance response. They drive marked Police vehicles filled with the necessary tools of their jobs. They write citations, arrest suspects of crimes and console victims, helping to direct them to services that provide support for their needs. The Patrol Division is the largest division with 21 officers assigned.



A Motorcycle Officer's primary responsibility is the management of traffic. You will see them writing citations, directing traffic and investigating motor vehicle crashes. They also function as support for the Patrol Division as calls for service increase. Three officers are assigned to the Traffic Division.

The K-9 unit is our most recent addition to the crime management effort. The K-9 has proven to be critical in drug detection, location of lost citizens and crowd control. Dasko, our K-9 officer additionally has proven to be a real hit both with children and adults in community programs.

Training is one of the more critical functions of police administration. The danger and complexity of the police job demands top flight training for the protection of both officers and citizens. The Watauga training program is a state certified program, regularly providing training not only for Watauga Officers but officers from other agencies as well.

The Community Services unit is tasked with supporting and promoting our outreach program to the community. The Watauga Police Department cannot manage crime alone. It requires the involvement of everyone in the community. The Community Services Officer is responsible for providing information and encouragement to residents to join in the city's effort to keep Watauga a safe city, and a "Great Place to Live!"

Watauga Improving Neighborhoods Program

City Council approved the Watauga Improving Neighborhoods (**WIN**) Program on April 28, 2014. This program is intended to help Watauga residents in need to perform important property maintenance in partnership with the World Changers Program. World Changers is a nationwide organization through Lifeway that coordinates volunteers to help local communities revitalize residential areas. If you know someone that may be eligible for the program please encourage them to fill out the WIN application posted on the City website. <http://www.wataugatx.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=194>, or for more information contact Community Development at 817.514.5806



MEOWS & HOWLS

Watauga Animal Services Center
5203 Watauga Rd 817.656.9614

Saturday, July 12, 2014 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	\$12.00
Heartworm Prevention	\$25.00-\$35.00
Other Various Vaccines	\$10.00-\$15.00

Watauga Animal Shelter Services:

Micro-chipping	\$15.00
City Registration	\$5.00

'LIKE' us on Face Book: www.facebook.com/WataugaAnimalServices

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

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.)

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.

Call 817.514.5892 to RSVP.

Business Spotlight: Fitness Now

Fitness Now opened in March 2014 and is locally owned and operated by health & fitness industry veterans that boast over 20 years of multi-unit experience.

They offer 18,000 square feet of all new cardio equipment, free weights, machine weights and a large advanced training area that boasts a multi-station training cage and astro turf. They also offer salon quality **tanning beds** and currently schedule over 25 **Group Exercise** classes a week such as popular formats Zumba, Insanity, Yoga, Boot Camp, Body Pump, and Flirty Girl Fitness and more. An impressively outfitted Kid's Zone is also available so parents can drop off their little ones and get in a stress free workout. There are several personal trainers on staff that can help you reach your goal sooner no matter how big or small. They offer memberships that have no enrollment and also offer memberships that have monthly rates as low as \$10 a month. They do not believe in charging giant enrollment fees or in long term contracts.

Their thought process is that they can make it easy to join and fun to use that their members will come more often, get better results, be more likely to refer their friends and family and stay members longer as a result.

Fitness Now is located at 6801 Rufe Snow Drive Suite 300 and they are determined to provide the best fitness experience in the area at prices everyone can afford.

To learn more log on to www.fitnessnowtx.com or call: 817.849.2607

Hours of Operation: Monday–Thursday 5:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.;
Friday: 5:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday: 6:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



Texas Mobile Health Unit **Mammogram Screenings**

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Must have 16 registered.

Watauga Senior Adult Center
Parking Lot
7857 Indian Springs Rd.

Must call for an appointment
855.318.7696.





Summer at the Watauga Library !

Story Time

July 1, 2	Happy Birthday America!
July 8, 9	Outdoor Fun
July 15, 16	Marvelous Magic!
July 22	No Story time
July 23	No Story time—Big Vehicle Day!
July 29, 30	Funny Fish Tales

Summer Reading Club 2014, “Fizz, Boom, Read!”

You still have time to register and participate in the Summer Reading Club. The SRC is free and open to all children birth to 18 years. You don't want to miss any of the weekly programs and events. The SRC is co-sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A brochure with all the exciting activities planned for the summer will be available in the Library and online.

Monday Crafts-Monday Afternoons in July-2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 9 to 12 years of age

You must be registered in Summer Reading Club and then register at the Youth Desk to attend Monday Craft Camps. Space is limited.

Terrific Tuesdays-3:00 p.m.

July 1, Fort Worth Nature Center, Reptiles! Do you ever wonder what kinds of snakes we have throughout Tarrant County?

July 8, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center-Come and meet some of the Blackland Prairie Raptor Ambassadors!

July 15, David Hira, Magician-Are you ready for some magic!

July 22, Mondo Drummers-Come feel the beat of the Mondo Drummers at the Library!

Wonderful Wednesdays-3:00 p.m.

July 2, Watauga Department of Public Safety, K-9 Unit

July 9, Whirled on a String with Valerie Oliver-Come view a demonstration of the spinning arts! (yo-yo, spin top, & Spinabola)

July 16, Tarrant County College Northeast Campus Presents: “Lewis and the Texas Twister”

July 23, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Big Vehicle Day!-If you are into Fire Trucks, Ambulances, Police Cars, Police Motorcycles, Tow Trucks, School Buses, Big Trucks, Motor Homes, you will not want to miss this program.

Thursday Crafts-3:00 p.m.

July 3-Color Your Own Patriotic Glasses

July 10-Delightful Zoo Mask

July 17-Don't Bug Me Finger Puppets

July 24-All about my summer poster

Thursday-July 24, 6:30 p.m. Night Grand Finale

Arts Council Northeast MasterWorks Concert Series

Me and My Monkey: A Beatles Tribute-Thursday. Join us for a live performance from the Beatles tribute band Me & My Monkey. Great fun for fans of all ages!

Friday Camps-10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

You must be registered in the Summer Reading and then register at the Youth Desk to attend Friday Camps. Space is limited.

Friday, July 11, Art Camp

Friday, July 18, Karate Camp

Friday, July 25, Dance Camp



Adult Summer Reading Club

Join the Library's summer reading club for adults. The theme this year is Literary Elements. For every 3 books that you read or listen to, enter a drawing to win prizes.

The Library Book Club

Thursday, July 17th from 6:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing the classic George Orwell novel *1984*.

Conversational English Classes

Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. -7:45 p.m.

Improve your English-speaking skills at Conversational English classes.

The teacher will also provide optional homework as well as some written exercises. Basic knowledge of English required. Not for beginners.

Call 817.514.5865 with questions.

Quilting and Needlework Group

Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the month from 10 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 and needlework.

Bridge Club

Every Thursday from 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chess Club

Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.