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## Watauga City Hall

7105 Whitley Road  
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### Hours of Operation:

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

### 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

Animal Service Center  
817.656.9614

Citizens Concern Line  
817.514.5815

## Mayor's Message:



Hector Garcia  
Mayor

What is a community? According to Webster's Dictionary, a community is a group of people living together as a smaller social unit while having similar interests, goals and beliefs in common. Watauga began as a community around 1843 when settlers from Tennessee arrived and settled the area. However, it wasn't until 1958 that the City of Watauga was finally incorporated. Initially, the City was established as a Texas City under State rule, but in 1979, a City Charter was developed and the City thereafter was under its own governmental rule. Now, with a population of almost 24,000 people, the City of Watauga has become a thriving community which provides safety, welfare and an outstanding quality of life for its citizens. The City's

Management maintains a citizen friendly, high quality, business sense. The City's Police and Fire Protection services are second to none and the esthetics of the City is well preserved by the Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Code Enforcement. The City also provides a multitude of activities and services for seniors and youth through its Library and Senior Center. But, most importantly, the Watauga Community is full of dedicated, hard-working citizens who are always ready to assist in the governance of our city, making it "A Great Place to Live!"

## Business Spotlight: Creative Callings

Scrapbooking has grown from simply collecting pictures to a way to preserve family genealogy and those moments that become stories for future generations. This is something the owners and staff of Creative Callings understand. Located at 6651 Hightower Drive, Suite 200, Creative Callings is a family owned scrapbook and more store, offering the latest and greatest in creative products from newly released scrapbooking paper to inks, sprays, templates, adhesives and canvases. They not only carry many products not found in large chain stores, they also demonstrate their products so customers can see first-hand and up close how to use that new ink spray or colorful modeling paste. Classes are also offered to demonstrate unique ways to use products as well as regular crops.

Recently Creative Callings began going further than scrapbooking with their new Studio Nights: Crafting with a Twist. Simply bring a few supplies and bottle of wine to participate in a fun project created with the Creative Callings staff. It's a chance to not only have fun while creating a piece of art you can keep, but also hang out with friends and meet new people.

To celebrate their first year of business, Creative Callings is solidifying their presence as "the place to take care of your creative product needs" by offering 10% off for the entire month! (Not to be combined with any other offers, discounts, or coupons). Stop in today and see where your creativity takes you!

For more information, call 817.503.2450 or check out [www.creativecallingsstore.com](http://www.creativecallingsstore.com). Hours of Operation: Tuesday- Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

# Coming in Spring

## Wild West Watauga Fest

May 8-11, 2014

Capp Smith Park

Rides, Food, Shopping, Music & More! Come and enjoy live music by the band Le Freak and other artists, arts, crafts, food vendors and carnival rides!

Please visit the Watauga Fest webpage for more information.



### AARP Smart Driver Course Wednesday, March 12, 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.*



### Have your income taxes done by an AARP Professional, for free.

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

Watauga Community Center  
7901 Indian Springs Rd  
Watauga, TX 76148

**Must call for an appointment**  
817.514.5892 or 817.514.5828

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



# WATAUGA LIBRARY NEWS

## North Central Ballet Company Performance

**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.**

Once again, the North Central Ballet will visit Watauga. The Library always features the Nutcracker ballet in our popular December program. Don't miss this opportunity to see something new. The company will perform a variety of excerpts from traditional ballets. This will be fun for both adults and kids!

## Pardon My Youth Book Club- A Book Club for Adults Who Love Teen Books

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Join us on the first Monday of each month to share your love for Young Adult literature and discover great books. Ask at the Reference Desk for more information. Ages 18 and up please.

## Knitting and Crocheting Group

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 call 817.514.5865 for more details.

## U.S. Citizenship Classes

**Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. March 17<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>**

This ten-week course will help individuals prepare for the U.S. Citizenship exam. Students do not need to be experts in English, but they should be able to engage in basic communication. Registration is required in person at the Library. Please call 817.514.5865 with questions.

## Quilting Group

**Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 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.

## ZUMBA GOLD

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Watauga Senior Adult Center  
7857 Indian Springs Rd.



All the fun of Zumba at a more friendly pace...low-impact Zumba Gold is designed to improve overall health and balance, reduce stress, and improve your social life. This class is appropriate for all ages, including beginners, active older adults, and anyone looking for a fun, high-energy workout that is easier on the body. This class can also be done for those that need a chair.

## Story Times

March 4, 5 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!  
March 11, 12 Happy St. Patrick's Day  
March 18, 19 Welcome Spring!  
March 25, 26 Let's Dance!

## It's time to Wake Up the Walls, Annual Children's Art Show and Contest, February 19-March 8, Ages 4-18

All participants and their families are invited to an awards ceremony at the Watauga Public Library on Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. Those receiving prizes will be notified prior the awards ceremony.

## A Preview of the Sound of Music Production by the Center for Home Education Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The Center for Home Education will preview their upcoming musical production at the Library. Come enjoy the music and story of the von Trapp Family!

**WizArt, Friday, March 21, 2014  
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

## March's art project will be Vincent van Gogh and his Sunflowers

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. Space is limited to 25 students. All supplies will be provided.

## Meows & Howls!! Animal Service Center

Texas Coalition for  
Animal Protection  
Vaccination Clinic  
(CASH ONLY)

**March 8, 2014  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Micro-chip \$15.00  
Rabies Vaccination \$5.00  
City Registration \$5.00  
Frontline Flea and Tick \$10.00  
Heartworm Prevention  
\$20.00-\$30.00

Various Other Vaccinations \$10.00

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## Maintenance Tip of the Month!

Hello Watauga!

With all of the winter weather we've had this year, it's time to think about what effect it's had on our properties. Take a look at the exterior of your home and see if all the eaves, trim and paint are in good shape. Has Old Man Winter made his presence known? Replacing worn or rotted wood and paint not only keeps the value of your home up, it's a requirement of city ordinances. Keeping Watauga beautiful requires the help of every property owner, resident and renter. From the streets of your neighbourhood, to Watauga Towne Center and from the walking trails in Park Vista to Capp Smith Park, taking care of our city takes action by you. Get Involved!



# How To Save \$1,000 Off Your Annual Energy Bill

Rising electricity costs can be hard on your bank account, but by combining several cost-savings strategies you can save \$1,000\* on your home energy bill each year. For the biggest savings consider these ways to reduce heating and cooling costs without sacrificing comfort:

- **Add new insulation to your attic.** It's especially smart if your house is more than 25 years old. Sometimes the State will subsidize professionally installed insulation and other energy-efficiency improvements. Check with your gas and electric companies to see what subsidies are available and how to qualify.  
**COST:** About \$750 for an 800 square-foot attic to do it yourself, or \$1,500 if you hire a professional.  
**SAVINGS:** \$600 per year
- **Seal air leaks around the house.** Weather strip your windows and doors by filling gaps and cracks with caulking, and use plastic window insulation kits on older windows. Also, seal gaps from plumbing lines, recessed lighting, and crawl spaces.  
**COST:** Tube of caulk is \$3 to \$6 (save by buying multi-packs), and a window-insulation kit is \$10 to \$20  
**SAVINGS:** \$350 per year
- **Upgrade to a programmable thermostat.** which automatically adjusts your home's temperature settings. You can buy a Wi-Fi model (\$100 to \$200) with more features that lets you remotely control it by using an app.  
**COST:** \$25 to \$50 (Check for rebates with your utility provider)  
**SAVINGS:** \$180 per year
- **Wash clothes in cold water.** Heating water is the single largest expense to run a load of laundry. Also, hot water shrinks and fades your clothes and should be used only when there are major stains.  
**COST:** Free  
**SAVINGS:** \$130 to \$300 per year on water heating costs, depending on the size of your family.
- **Unplug electronics when not in use.** Energy "vampires" include TVs, computers, video game consoles, phone chargers (basically anything that "glows") and account for 5 to 10 percent of household electricity costs even when they're turned off. Save money by unplugging them, shutting them down, or attaching them to a single power strip than can be turned off.  
**COST:** Free or \$10 to \$40 for a power strip/surge protector  
**SAVINGS:** \$100 per year
- **Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs).** While they cost a bit more, CFLs use 75 percent less energy and last at least 6 times longer than standard incandescent light bulbs.  
**COST:** \$5 to \$15 each (save by buying multi-packs)  
**SAVINGS:** \$75 per year in electricity by replacing your five most frequently used bulbs.  
Savings potential increases since the average home has 30 light fixtures.

\*\*\* All products are available at a home improvement store or online. Savings vary depending on home size, climate, electricity rates, etc. and are based on an average annual energy bill of \$2,200.

