



City of Watauga CITY NEWSLETTER



October 2014

**City Council Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

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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

Citizens Concern Line
817.514.5815

EMERGENCY
911



Hector Garcia
Mayor

Mayor's Message

What is a mayor? A mayor is the person designated as the formal head of a city as mandated by the State or charter of the city. For the City of Watauga, the person holding the position of mayor must meet certain eligibility requirements. Those requirements include the following: Must be a resident of the city and of the State of Texas at least 12 months immediately preceding his or her election, must be a qualified voter of the State of Texas and of the city, must be 21 years of age or older at the time of filing or assuming office, not be employed by the City, not hold another governmental elected office, not have been determined to be mentally incompetent by a final judgment of the court and shall not have been convicted of a felony offense or misdemeanor offense involving moral turpitude.

The mayor has several duties he or she must perform. These duties include presiding over all meetings of the Council, voting only in the case of a tie, and signing all contracts and conveyances made or entered into and all bonds issued under provisions of the Charter. The mayor has veto power on ordinances and resolutions and is recognized as the Chief Executive of the City by the court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of serving civil process. The mayor is also designated as the Disaster Management Director by executive order of the Governor and has the authority to declare a state of emergency whenever necessary. The mayor also has the power to recommend the appointment or removal of the City Manager, City Secretary and City Attorney with final approval being made by the Council.

The City's current mayor, Hector F. Garcia, acts as a representative of the city in many other activities that may affect the citizens of the city or the governing body. Mayor Garcia is an active participant and board member of the Northeast Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Northeast Leadership Forum, the Tarrant County Mayor's Council, the Regional Transportation Council and the BISSD Bond Committee. Mayor Garcia also participates in continual education and training through the Texas Municipal League and maintains an open dialog with both Texas and National representatives, all in an effort to make Watauga, "A Great Place to Live!"

Meows and Howls Adoption Days: Every 2nd Saturday
This Month: Saturday, October 11th, 2014



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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WATAUGAANIMALSERVICES

AND

WWW.WATAUGATX.ORG

COMING OCTOBER 25, 2014 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

REFRESHMENTS





**HALLOWEEN
BASH
2014**

**Saturday
October 25, 2014
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Watauga Community Center
7901 Indian Springs Road**



**RUNNING
SCARED 5K**

**October 18, 2014
7:00 a.m. Registration
Race Time 8:30 a.m.**

**Early Registration
\$10.00 Kids and Seniors
\$12.00 Adults**

**Day of Race Registration
\$15.00 Kids and Seniors
\$20.00 Adults**

Contact the Watauga Community Center or online for more information.
817.514.5828

www.wataugatx.org

Come join our **Group Fit Pass** for only \$25.00/Month to participate in classes such as Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Boot Camp, Spin and AM Workout Club. All classes have a fun yet different atmosphere. View our full class schedule online at www.wataugatx.org

Adult Basketball League will start the 1st week in October. \$250.00/team for 6-week season plus playoffs. Register online at www.quickcores.com/watauga or come by the Recreation Center located at 7901 Indian Springs Rd, Watauga, Texas 76148.

Winter Youth Basketball -Registration will begin in early October. Ages 3-6: \$55.00, Ages 7-12: \$75.00. Games will begin in January.

Youth Flag Football with YMCA Northpark will begin in late October. Register online at http://www.ymcafw.org/Locations/Northpark/Youth/Youth Sports/youth_sports.aspx

Hello Watauga,

Fall is almost here and it is a great time to make repairs to your home and fence. It is also a good time to perform landscape maintenance, such as trimming trees. It is good practice to coordinate these activities with your regular bulk trash pickup day to avoid storing waste materials for long periods. You can find your monthly bulk trash pickup day on your water bill as well as on the city's website (www.wataugatx.org). The following are guidelines for bulk pickup:

- Brush trimmings do not have to be tied and bundled but must not exceed four (4) feet in length or fifty (50) pounds in weight.
- Limbs shall be stacked with trunks parallel to the street and behind the curb, so as not to block the street or the sidewalk.
- Bulk items cannot be any larger than 5' X 5' X 5'.
- Hazardous waste, construction material or remodeling debris will not be collected.
- Bulk trash may be placed on the curb one day prior to the scheduled pick up date.
- If you have larger quantities of bulk than is allowed in normal curbside pick-up, you may contact Progressive Waste at 817.222.2221 to schedule alternative options.

Remember maintaining your property keeps Watauga "A Great Place to Live".



Watauga Public Library



Homework Help Center

Tuesday, 3:45-5:45 p.m.
Thursday, 5:30-7:30 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 and English/Vietnamese, 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 Classes

Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
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.

GED Classes

Call the reference desk at 817.514.5865 for more information.



Story Time:

Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Color My World
October 7, 8	Count Me In
October 14, 15	Alphabet Soup
October 21, 22	Fabulous Fall
October 28, 29	Happy Halloween!

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 welcome. Volunteers are available to help beginners.

Yu-Gi-Oh!-Fridays

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Teen Volunteers are there to help you get started.

Chess Club-Wednesdays

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm! Teen Volunteers provide the instruction.

Chess Club

Monday and Thursday
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

All skills levels are welcome. For ages 18 and up. For those 18 and under, the Library has an active youth chess club which meets on Wednesdays.

Quilting and Needlework Group

Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th 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 us for a fun time sharing the joys of quilting and needlework. Bring your current project, or, if you're just beginning, get advice from the group on where to start.

U.S. Citizenship Classes

Monday, September 8, 2014 through
Monday, November 10th, 2014

The Library will offer a 10-week citizenship class on Mondays from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Potential students do not need to be experts in English, but they should be able to engage in basic communication. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call us with questions, 817.514.5865.



Bridge Club

Every Thursday 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Join the group on Thursday evenings for an entertaining game of bridge. Don't know how to play? No problem. Beginners and experts alike are welcome.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Every 2nd and 4th Monday
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.

The Library Book Club

Thursday, October 23, 2014
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The group will be discussing the book *Dracula* by Bram Stoker.

Simplicity Friends Social Group

Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Are you interested in learning about growing your own food, reducing your consumption, living greener, getting organized, and saving money? Join a group of people striving to live simply in this hectic society. Meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month.

Frankenstein's Workshop, Thursday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Come visit Frankenstein's Workshop and join in the fun! Aja Jones will be here for a night of ghoulish adventures.

Watauga Public Library Art Club, Friday, October 17, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We will be making Halloween Lanterns and Candy Corn Magnets! Art classes will be offered at the Watauga Public Library, the third Friday of each month to children 5 to 12 years of age. These classes will be taught by teen volunteer, Faith Stibora. Registration is required and you may register at the Youth Desk beginning the first day of each month. Space is limited to 20 students. All supplies will be provided.

Costume Creation, Saturday, October 25, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Do you want to be a knight, a wizard, butterfly, fairy, magician, a Polynesian dancer, princess, or prince? Come to the Library and let your imagination run wild! Join us for an afternoon of family fun. All supplies will be furnished.

Bilingual Story Time, Thursday, October 2, 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 time of stories and crafts for children 6 to 10 years of age. 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.



AARP Smart Driver Course

Wed., October 8, 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



October 3, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

FBCE Campus West,
205 N. Industrial, Bedford, TX.
(Northwest Corner of Hwy. 183 and N. Industrial)

Albertsons Flu Vaccine Clinic

Thursday, October 2, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Influenza / Flu

Pneumococcal

Shingles

(must call in advance 817.431.8985)

Tetanus, (Tdap)



Watauga Senior Center
7857 Indian Springs Rd.

Seasoned Anglers Fish-Off

Friday, October 10, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Capp Smith Park-5800 Robin
(Behind Watauga Library)

50 Years and up come join us for a prize winning fun filled day. Bring your fishing gear, your experienced angler-ship and some wise fish tales. Call 817.514.5892 for more information.



Progressive Waste Rate Increase

Per their contract dated July 1, 2012, Progressive Waste has requested a CPI-U Adjustment on their rates from last year. The increase is 1.8% over the prior year for residential and commercial rates. The difference in the residential monthly rate will be an increase of \$.18 cents per month with an increase of \$.15 cents per month for senior residential accounts. The rate became effective on the billing cycle beginning September 1, 2014.

Business Spotlight—Bead Heaven

In the age of big box craft stores and internet based marketplaces, the forecast for a small bead store seems bleak. Especially for one that doesn't do online ordering or even has a website. And yet, for over a decade Bead Heaven has quietly been carving out its own special niche in the Watauga community.

When you come into the small but beautiful store you are not just greeted with merchandise. You will also be welcomed with a smile and an offer to help find that something special. If needed, there is a glass of cool water or maybe a cup of coffee while you browse. And while you sort through the many types of beads from all over the world, semi-precious stones, crystals, and all the stringing and weaving supplies you would need, there is that small town atmosphere that makes you feel right at home.

Owner Geri Moya believes this approach isn't just about selling products. "We just manage Bead Heaven, which belongs to our Lord," she shares.

And that is the heart and soul appeal of Bead Heaven. It goes beyond the wide assortment of merchandise, and available project work spaces. It is more than the knowledge and ideas shared through beading classes or conversations with the staff. It is the very simple approach of believing that a craft store can be more than a place to buy goods. It can actually be a place where people relax, learn, and leave feeling a little better than they did when they came in.

Coming in October, Bead Heaven will be offering a special crafting class, the "Christmas Tree". Space is limited so be sure to sign up early to learn how to create this family heirloom. Located at 6900 Denton Highway Ste. 110, Bead Heaven is open Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays-Saturdays 1:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. You can learn more by calling 817.281.2002 or 817.707.7348.

