



Watauga City Newsletter ~ April 2014

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April City Council Meeting: April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. p.m.

All City Offices will be closed April 18, 2014 in observance of Good Friday.

Mayor's Message



Hector Garcia
Mayor

A city is comprised of citizens from different cultures, religions, beliefs or countries who are all willing to conform to the standards established by the governing body of the City in which they live. Sometimes, however, unforeseen circumstances may exist which prohibit some families from being able to support the requests of their community. In these situations, assistance from community groups may be required. In Watauga, there are social clubs, faith based organizations and others willing to provide services which aid the needy. These entities all work together to assist families and school children in need. Some of these groups also aid families with repairing their homes or doing yard work for those who are no longer physically able due to age or illness. I am very proud to have these organizations in our City because they help make Watauga a great place to live!

25th ANNUAL WATAUGA FEST

LIVE
MUSIC!

Thursday, May 8th, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Friday, May 9th, 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10th, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

GAMES!

Sunday, May 11th, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

CARNIVAL!

FOOD! VENDORS!

See website for more details www.wataugatx.org/wwwf

Watauga Police Department Explorer Post 2013 Accomplishments

The Watauga Police Explorer Post had a very exciting and productive 2013. In addition to attending weekly meetings for training, the explorers participated in several competitions and events. The year began with a competition in Lake Jackson, where they took home 1st place in the felony traffic stop scenario. Then it was off to an explorer training academy that was hosted by the Ft. Worth Police Department. Their next stop was at the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition in San Antonio, followed by a return to the Ft. Worth Police Department SWAT Camp and Competition, where they made Watauga proud by winning 1st place in Team Obstacle Course, 3rd place in Male Duathlon and 3rd place in Patrol Car Pull. They finished the year off with a trip to Plano where they competed in the Plano X Explorer Competition. This was their first time to compete at this competition which is considered to be of a highly advanced format. They did not disappoint as they were awarded 6th place overall. The Watauga Explorer Post members were also busy in 2013 volunteering at local community events where they logged over 60 hours of service. In addition, explorer members received over 375 hours of training. The Watauga Police Department is very proud of the explorer post's accomplishments.



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



Watauga Public Library Events: April 2014

Story Time

April 1, 2 Trickster Tales
 April 8 No Story Time
 April 9 Bunny Petting Zoo
 April 15 Happy Easter
 April 22 Wonderful Earth Day



DOWN ON THE FARM

Petting Zoo!

April 9, 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!

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

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

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Every 2nd and 4th Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Conversational English Classes

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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

Improve your English-speaking skills at Conversational English classes.

Quilting Group

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

U.S. Citizenship Classes

Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. from March 17th through May 19th

Please call 817.514.5865 with questions regarding any of the above classes.

WizArt, Friday, April 25, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Spring Finger Puppets



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)

April 12, 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
**5203 Watauga Rd,
 Watauga, TX 76137
 817.656.9614**



Watauga Senior Adult Center-7857 Indian Springs Rd.

UNT Mighty Care

Fall Prevention Presentation-
Stepping with Strategy
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
Watauga Senior Adult Center

ZUMBA GOLD

Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
Watauga Senior Adult Center

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 active older adults, and anyone looking for a fun energy workout that is easier on the body. This class can also be done for those that need a chair.



AARP Drivers Safety Wednesday, May 14, 2014

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Watauga Senior Adult Center

\$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.

AARP Tax Assistance

Have your income taxes done by an AARP Professional, for free on Wednesdays, April 2nd and April 9th, 2014

Watauga Community Center
7901 Indian Springs Rd.

Call to schedule your 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.

Texas Health Mobile Unit Mammogram Screenings

Friday, May 2, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Watauga Senior Adult Center Parking Lot
Must call for an appointment
877.847.9355
Must have 16 registered.





General & Special Election - May 10, 2014

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 each year. For more information, please contact Zolaina Reyes, City Secretary at 817.514.5825 or by e-mail at zreyes@wataugatx.org.

GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

There will be a General Election to elect City Council Places 1, 2, 6 and 7 on Saturday, May 10, 2014. For more information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.514.5825 or 817.514.5812.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

There will be a Special Election to elect an individual to fill the unexpired term for City Council Place 3 on Saturday, May 10, 2014. For more information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.514.5825 or 817.514.5812.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

April 28-30, 2014	Monday -Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May 1-2, 2014	Thursday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May 3, 2014	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May 4, 2014	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 5-6, 2014	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 10, 2014

WATAUGA CITY HALL

7105 WHITLEY ROAD



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

CITY BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND CORPORATION MEMBERS NEEDED

Zoning Board of Adjustment	Alternate Members, Places 2, 3 & 4
Planning and Zoning Commission	Member, Place 6
Library Board	Members, Places 5 & 6
Charter Review Commission	Member, Place 4
Parks Development Corporation	Director, Place 5

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 or 817.514.5812 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.





The Hidden Cost of Home Ownership

Home ownership is the cornerstone of the “American Dream,” but the true costs involved are not always apparent. Many people are well aware of the initial costs of homeownership such as the down payment or the monthly mortgage payments, but buying a home consists of a much larger investment, which if unprepared, can wreak havoc on your finances. Here are a few extras that add up:

Insurance – Mortgage lenders require that you maintain insurance on your property and structures in the event of loss or damage due to nature or other unforeseen disasters. In addition to the monthly premium for coverage, most policies have a 1% deductible associated with them that will be the responsibility of the homeowner in the event of a claim.

Property Taxes – Accessed on the appraised value of your home, property taxes are a yearly expense which can fluctuate depending on the market. These taxes generally include assessments from the state, county, city, and various educational and water districts. Property taxes in Texas range from \$1500 to \$5000 a year depending on the value of your home.

Homeowner Association Fees – Many neighborhoods are part of a Homeowner Association with yearly dues for the maintenance and upkeep of neighborhood common areas. These fees are generally billed to the homeowner separately and are subject to increase yearly. Fees can range from \$360 to \$720 a year or more depending on your neighborhood.

Routine Maintenance and Repairs – The reality of life is that things break or deteriorate with age. In a home, there are additional costs for the maintenance and repair of all appliances, plumbing and electrical systems, heating and air systems, carpets, floors, wall coverings, paint, roofing, siding, trim, decks, gutters, windows and doors. Some things you can do yourself, such as painting or replacing the filters on your HVAC system, but there is still the additional cost of the tools you will need to complete the tasks.

Utilities – Monthly costs for utilities include electricity, water and sewage, trash service, natural gas, TV and Internet.

Yard Care – Plan on buying a lawnmower, edger and other landscaping tools or budget for lawn care services. Most communities require that lawns be properly maintained on a regular basis.

Pest Control – You may need to schedule regular professional pest control for termites, ants, spiders and other undesirable critters. These costs are usually structured on a quarterly plan and can be around \$100 per treatment.

Appliances – Most homes generally include many of the major appliances you need as part of the purchase price. In many cases, the stove, microwave and dishwasher are all part of the “included” kitchen setup. Many times, however, refrigerators are not included and must be purchased out of pocket. Also, very few homes include a washer and dryer, so homeowners will have that as an added expense as well.

Furniture – Moving from a small apartment to a larger home may mean you will need to purchase additional furniture. Depending on the available space you have to fill, the cost of furniture can become quite expensive.

There are many free tools and calculators available on-line and in your local library to help you determine the true cost of home ownership.

Business Spotlight-North Tarrant Smiles

The new North Tarrant Smiles building (8301 Whitley Road) in Watauga combines the relaxation and comfort of Old World style with the newest in technology- a reflection of Dr. Miles himself who with more than thirty years of practice still studies the latest in techniques and recent clinical advances.



“The goal,” he says, “is to provide comfortable dental care to all our patients with the highest level of convenience, quality, and professionalism with the newest technology available. In essence, we believe in treating your family like ours.”

This belief carries throughout the business from the payment plans and flexible financing to the free WiFi and refreshments available in the waiting area. The business further prides itself on being able to handle most dental procedures without having to refer, including General Family Dentistry, TMJ (Temporal Mandible Joint disorders), Sleep Apnea, Orthodontics Implant Restorations, Crowns/ Veneers Restorative, Tooth colored fillings, Cosmetics, and Bleaching.

By utilizing web based patient forms and online payments, North Tarrant Smiles remains accessible from anywhere and accepts most major insurers. Please contact them for available specials. Learn more about North Tarrant Smiles at www.northtarrantsmiles.com or by calling 817.502.1800. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

