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# CITY OF WATAUGA NEWSLETTER

City Council  
Meeting:  
June 23, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### 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



**Hector Garcia**  
Mayor

The month of May usually means that we are near the end of spring and that school will soon be out for summer break. May is also the month in which the breeding season for mosquitos swings in to full force, increasing concerns for West Nile Virus. There are ways to protect ourselves from mosquito bites and to prevent an infestation of these insects. First, you can provide protection for yourself while outside by using proper insect repellants containing DEET and wearing long sleeve shirts. You should also consider keeping your vaccinations up-to-date to prevent serious illness. To prevent an infestation, get rid of all water sources that the mosquito may use to lay larva. If you have a pond, use mosquito doughnuts to kill the larva.

The City will be using doughnuts in creeks and ditches that contain water. The City also plans to introduce mosquito fish (fish that eat mosquito larva) into our city lake at Capp Smith Park in an effort to keep the residents of Watauga safe. Have a great summer and keep helping us make Watauga, "A Great Place to Live!"

### Watauga Residents Can Now Connect Online with the Watauga Police Department Via [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com)

On March 18, 2014 the City of Watauga began a partnership with Nextdoor ([www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)), with 7 neighborhoods and over 300 residents in Watauga using Nextdoor at the time. This new partnership will improve citywide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications and help all of us build safer communities across the city.

On Nextdoor, neighbors can get to know one another and exchange local advice and recommendations. Watauga residents will also be able to work with the Police Department to improve safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch efforts.

Tens of thousands of neighbors across the country are already using Nextdoor to:

- Find trustworthy local resources, such as babysitters, plumbers, and dentists
- Communicate with neighbors and police about suspicious activity and safety concerns
- Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties
- Get assistance in finding lost pets and missing packages
- Sell or give away items, like an old kitchen table or bike

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on search engines.

Please join your neighbors and the Watauga Police Department in building a stronger, safer Watauga today at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

 **Nextdoor**

Check out our website! [www.wataugatx.org](http://www.wataugatx.org)

Sign up for Blackboard Connect to get notifications of Special City Events or Severe Weather Alerts!

# Public Works-Tip Of The Month

Swimming pools are great for relaxing during the warmer months and splashing around with the kids. Regular maintenance of swimming pools is essential. If they aren't maintained properly, they attract mosquitoes, frogs and other unwanted insects. Pools then become unsafe for your family and neighbors. Swimming pool maintenance can be quick and easy. Aside from maintenance, pool owners must also be aware of pool safety.

Here are a few tips on how you can keep your pools maintained and safe all year round.

## **Pool Maintenance:**

- Skimmer baskets should be checked and cleaned daily.
- Check the chlorine tablets daily, these tablets kill microorganisms living in your water.
- Vacuum the bottom of the pool twice a week.
- Brush the sides of the pool weekly.
- One of the most important parts of pool maintenance is shocking. The shock will kill much of the bacteria and algae that live in your pool.
- When draining becomes necessary always drain water to the street or an approved channel location. Draining water onto a neighbor's lawn may be cause for a violation notice.

## **Pool Safety Tips:**

- A six (6) foot permanent fence or wall must be erected and maintained around each pool. The fence or wall must be constructed and equipped with a self-closing and latching gate, which must be locked when the pool is not in use. Always allow clear visibility to the bottom of the pool. (With proper pool maintenance this should never be a problem.)
  - Maintaining a proper chemical balance and regular pool pump runs will minimize the chances of mosquito breeding
  - Keep children under active supervision at all times and ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well. Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as:
    - No diving
    - Stay away from drain covers
    - Swim with a buddy and
    - No running by the edge of the pool. Keeping Watauga Beautiful requires help from everyone.
- For more information, contact the Watauga Public Works Department at 817.514.5806.*

# Department Spotlight-Streets Department

## **Who makes up the Street Department?**

The City of Watauga's Street Department is made up of eight employees, which consists of five Street Maintenance Workers, a Signs and Signals Technician, an Equipment Operator and a Supervisor.

## **What does the Street Department do?**

The Street Department is in charge of maintaining the city's streets, street signs and 5 Traffic Signals. There are approximately 88 miles of public streets that are maintained. The City of Watauga Street Department is also in charge of emergency response for snow and ice, including sanding bridges, major intersections as well as major thoroughfares.

## **How are the Streets maintained?**

Regular maintenance includes repairing potholes, crack sealing, patching operations after water/wastewater repairs as well as clearing overgrowth between the street and curb lines.

## **What happens when maintenance isn't enough?**

Through monitoring and evaluating ever changing street conditions, the City of Watauga's Street Department determines the best candidates for total street reconstruction annually. Some deciding factors include storm water flow, standing water issues as well as bad road conditions that are due to failing subgrades.

## **How are the Traffic Signals maintained?**

The City of Watauga has recently added two traffic signals to aid in traffic flow through the city; making a total of five that are maintained by city personnel. The City of Watauga is currently upgrading the existing signals to video detection, which results in faster cycle speeds at those signals. Everyone loves getting the green light; we are always striving to provide that by keeping our traffic signals up to date.

The City of Watauga also maintains 16 school zone flashers, ensuring they are always functioning at the correct times.

The Signs and Signals Technician troubleshoots and maintains all of the traffic signals. This includes ensuring that the detection cameras are always aimed correctly, that the lights are all working and ensuring the cabinets are clean and dry.

*For a Video Spotlight, please visit: [www.wataugatx.org/videospotlight](http://www.wataugatx.org/videospotlight)*

*For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 817.514.5806.*

**SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!****Story Time**

<b>June 3, 4</b>	Let's Make Music
<b>June 10, 11</b>	Father's Day
<b>June 17, 18</b>	Splendid Snakes
<b>June 24, 25</b>	Celebrate Laura Numeroff

**Summer Reading Club 2014, "Fizz, Boom, Read!"**

Mark your calendars! Summer Reading Club Registration begins June 4! In keeping with the Watauga Public Library tradition, this year's program is bigger and better than ever. The Summer Reading Club 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.

**Summer Reading Kick-Off with Jim Gill**-Tuesday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m., MasterWorks Concert Series

Join us for our amazing Kick-Off for Summer Reading Club with Jim Gill in concert. Jim Gill is an award winning musician and author. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Summer Reading Club!

**June Afternoon Activities**

**Monday Crafts**-2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., 9-12 years of age

**Terrific Tuesdays**-June 17th, 3:00 p.m. Wildlife on the Move, "Boa vs. Pythons!"

June 24th, 3:00 p.m. Mr. Blue Shoes-Highly interactive live music experience!

**Wonderful Wednesdays**-June 11th, 3:00 p.m. Trinity Valley Dance Demonstration

June 18th, 3:00 p.m. TKO Karate Demonstration

June 25th, 3:00 p.m. Bad Boogers and Fancy Fairies-Interactive Theater with Aja Jones

**Craft Thursday**-June 12th, 3:00 p.m. Burst on a Stick!

June 19th, 3:00 p.m. Frog Shaped Door Hangers

June 26th, 3:00 p.m. Turtle Scratch

**Friday Camps**- Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 8-10 years of age,

**June 13th**-Math Camp, **June 20th**-Art Camp, **June 27th**-Fencing Camp

**\*Your child must be registered in Summer Reading Club and then register at the Youth Desk to attend Friday Camps. Space is limited.**

**Movie Magic at the Library** (Titles to be announced) Popcorn will be served.

**Mondays:** 4:00-5:30 p.m. Children's Movies Ages 3 and up

**Fridays:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Movies Ages 7 and up.

**Star Wars Day**

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Star Wars fans of all ages are invited for an event celebrating all things Star Wars. There will be a costume contest, games, crafts, and prizes. Also, meet some of your favorite Star Wars characters for a photo op.

**Adult Summer Reading Club**

Beginning Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Simplicity Friends Social Group**

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**The Library Book Club**

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing the classic Larry McMurtry novel *The Last Picture Show*.

**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.

## WATAUGA SUMMER CAMPS - JUNE 10TH- JULY 26TH CLOSED JULY 4TH



- Camp Ton Of Fun- For ages 3-6 at the Foster Village Center
- Camp Watauga- For ages 7-12 at the Community Center

Children will participate in daily organized activities including field trips, physical fitness, reading time and free play with their friends.

Registration will begin on April 2nd for residents and May 1st for non-residents at the Watauga Community Center located at 7901 Indian Springs Road.  
817.514.5828

Weekly Resident Tuition: \$90 (one child),  
\$120 (two children),  
\$150 (three children), \$190 (four children).

Weekly Non-Resident Tuition: \$105 (one child),  
\$135 (two children),  
\$165 (three children), \$205 (four children).

**Payments Of Fees:** All program tuition fees must be paid at the Watauga Community Center-7901 Indian Springs Road. All tuition fees for the following week must be paid the Friday before by 5:00 p.m.

### Meows & Howls

Watauga Animal Services Center  
5203 Watauga Rd. 817.656.9614



**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

**10 a.m. – 12 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

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[www.facebook.com/WataugaAnimalServices](http://www.facebook.com/WataugaAnimalServices)

### REMINDER FOR MONTHLY BRUSH AND BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Brush and Bulk item collection will occur once per month.

**If your trash pickup day is:**

<b>Monday or Tuesday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month
<b>Thursday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month
<b>Friday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

**Items can start being placed at curb on Saturday, all items must be placed out at curb no later than 7 a.m. on that Monday.**

**Bulk items:** include stoves, furniture, water heaters, dishwashers, etc. Fence panels must be cut down to 4x6 sections or smaller.

**Unacceptable materials:** include dirt, sand, concrete, rocks, gravel, bricks, lumber, plaster, construction materials, auto parts, tires, petroleum products, refrigerators and/or freezers.

**Brush:** is required to be cut down to 4 foot in length. Not to exceed 50 lbs. in weight. Total pile no larger than 5' X 5' X 5'.

**Hazardous waste:** paint, batteries, thinners or pesticides.

**You must obtain a voucher from the city.**

## Business Spotlight-Melrose Nail Bar

The moment you step into Melrose Nail Bar, you are aware of the clean and modern atmosphere, the attention to style and detail throughout, and ultimately an ambience that invites you to sit and relax. Melrose Nail Bar is new to the Watauga community, opening this past spring in the Watauga Pavilion Shopping Center (7600 Denton Highway Ste. 124) but it is not a first salon for the owners. Having already owned and managed one in the Dallas area, the staff of Melrose Nail Bar understands that while an inviting and chic style may bring a customer in the door, service, price, and cleanliness is paramount in making that visit one to be remembered. Currently, Melrose Nail Bar is not only offering complimentary wine but also 15%-30% off all services including manicures, pedicures, acrylic nails, waxing, and facials. For more information, contact 817.656.4300. Hours are Monday- Sunday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

