

City Newsletter

City Council Meeting: December 7, 2015

City of Watauga

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Mayor's Message



Hector Garcia Mayor

The last month of the year is upon us and it is time to see what this year has yielded. This time last year the Council and Staff had made plans for the upcoming year and so far, we are on track. The architect has been hired to build the new Senior Citizen Center. Bursey Road is being rebuilt from Whitley Road to Willis Lane, thus improving this area for possible professional businesses or medical facilities for general health. Watauga Road has been resurfaced from Rufe Snow to Denton Highway. Other streets throughout the city have been resurfaced as well. There have been approximately 27 homes that have received revitalization and that program is still ongoing. Businesses in Watauga continue to grow thanks to the Economic Development Staff that we have in our City. The new Skate Park is now complete and citizens of all walks of life can enjoy it. There will soon be a cover for shade and rain protection at the playground on Capp Smith Park. We are grateful for the dedication from Council and Staff and find their hard work encouraging as they continue to strive and provide our citizens good quality services to make "Watauga a Great Place to Live." Now it's time to enjoy and spend time with your families and friends, Happy Holidays to everyone!

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas Day - NO PICK UP

Friday's pick-up will move to Saturday

Christmas Trees Removal - Tree's only!

Pick-up will be on the **first** (1st) **two Monday's in January**, provided, that such trees are placed within five (5) feet of the curb and out no later than 7:00 a.m. If you happen to miss this pick-up you will have to place the trees out on your regular scheduled bulk pick-up day.



CITY DEPARTMENTS

Community Center 817. 514.5828

<u>Senior Adult Cen-</u> <u>ter</u> 817.514.5892

> Job Line 817.514.5801

<u>Municipal Court</u> 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

> Emergency 911

WATER AND SEWER VOLUME RATES TO CHANGE

The City purchases water from North Richland Hills via Ft. Worth. Each year, the City of Fort Worth reviews their rate structure and makes necessary adjustments that are passed on to their customer cities. Due to these rising wholesale costs each year, it is necessary to pass through these costs to our customers in the form of a rate adjustment. The water volume rate adjustment for FY2014-15 will be an increase of \$.19 per 100 cubic feet of water, or a 4% increase beginning on the January 2016 billing statement. As an example, a customer with 802 cubic feet of water usage would see a monthly increase \$1.02 on their water bill. Sewer rates will not change.



PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

STORY TIME

December 1, 2 Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

December 8, 9 The Spirit of Christmas

December 15, 16 No Story Time
December 22, 23 No Story Time
December 29, 30 No Story Time

The Nutcracker presented by the North Central Ballet Arts Council Northeast-MasterWorks Series Thursday, December 10th, 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the magic of the Nutcracker, experience a visit from Santa and don't forget to stop by the craft table! The Center for Home Education will also provide music of The Holiday Season for your enjoyment. As you leave, check out Santa's special friends waiting to take him back to the North Pole! A wonderful holiday family evening is planned for you at the Library!

Christmas Carols at the Library Thursday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m.

The whole family is invited to enjoy a variety of Christmas music performed by Triple Threat from the Center for Home Education's Cottage Theatre at the Watauga Public Library, on December 17, at 6:30 p.m.

WizArt Club, Friday, December 18th, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will make Holiday Pop-up Cards!

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. Registration for the December class begins on Thursday, December 1st. Space is limited to 25 students. All supplies will be provided.

Pokemon Tournament, Monday, December 28th

Trading Card Game - Registration 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. only
Tournament: 10:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Participants 14 years and younger: Free
Participants 15 years and older: \$10
Video Game – registration from 1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Tournament: 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
All participants: \$5

Math Club, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Middle School & High School Students Only

If you are a middle school or high school student and need help with math (Algebra I to BC Calculus), come to the Library. Teen Volunteers will be available to help you with your math homework. This program is for middle school and high school students, only. During the month of December, Math Club will meet on the following days:

- Thursday, December 3rd, 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12th, 1:00 p.m.. 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Bilingual Story Time with Paola Baucom
Thursday, December 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<u>Annual Holiday Food Drive-November 2nd-December 11th, 2015</u>

Watauga Public Library and the Friends of the Watauga Library will continue their annual food drive through Friday, December 11th. Please give generously to help local families enjoy a brighter holiday season. Overdue fines will be removed up to \$3.00 per library card with each donation. Fines may be removed on Watauga materials only. Please do not bring expired food. Thanks for your generosity.

Star Wars Trivia Night

Thursday, December 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Test your knowledge of all things Star Wars in celebration of the new film. Come alone or form a team. This event is best for teens and adults. Family teams are also welcome.

Genealogy Meetup

Monday, December 14, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Are you new to genealogy and don't know where to begin? Do you need help researching your family history? Do you want to share discoveries you've made? Then this is the group for you! Join our group and learn from experienced amateur genealogists.



Homework Help Center

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m-5:45 p.m. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The Homework Help Center is open during the school year and offers help with homework at no charge to students 1st through 6th grades. Parents must register at the Library. Call 817.514.5865 for more information.

English Reading, Writing, and Speaking Class

Tuesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Thursday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Learn American English and culture through speaking, reading and writing. These classes will help you communicate better in English. Great for work. Build life language skills. Each class includes conversation and interactive instruction. Basic knowledge of English required. Not for beginners.

GED Classes

Call the reference desk at 817.514.5865 for more information.

Clubs and Groups

Open to adults ages 18 & up. Call 817.514.5865 for more info.

Knitting and Crocheting

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.



Quilting and Needlework

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Adult Chess Club

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Bridge Club

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



Watauga Senior Center

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

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 years and up can attend this program.

To receive a discount on your insurance contact your Agent to see if you qualify. Call 817.514.5892 to RSVP.







AARP Tax Aide

Have your income taxes done by an AARP Professional, for free on Wednesdays, February 3, 2016 - April 13, 2016

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

> Call for an appointment 817.514.5892 or 817.514.5828

Community Center

7901 Indian Springs Rd. Watauga, TX 76148 817.514.5828

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 6:00 a.m-9:00 p.m. Friday-6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday-8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday-CLOSED



Holiday Happenings at the Community Center

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 12, 2015 9:00 a.m. at the Watauga Community Center \$7.00 for each child dining \$3.00 for each adult dining

SEATING IS LIMITED

All reservations must be paid in advance. Register at the Community Center



\$2.00 per letter, per child. Deadline to turn in information sheet is 5:00 p.m. December 11, 2015

Parents: For information sheets, please call 817.514.5828.

You can also pick up information sheets at the Watauga Community Center, the Library, and City Hall.

Light Watauga Contest

Judging date is December 15, 2015.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. The winner in each category will be announced on Thursday, December 16, 2015. Categories are: Best Use of Lights, Best Inflatable Display, Best Yard Display & Judge's Choice. To make a nomination, please call 817.514.5828 or stop by the Watauga Community Center.



ANNUAL TREELIGHTING CAPP SMITH PARK

5800 Robin Drive Watauga, TX. Tuesday, December 1, 2015 6:00 p.m.



All houses judged must be nominated!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Located in Watauga is our top notch 128-bed skilled nursing and comprehensive care facility. North Pointe Nursing & Rehabilitation has been serving the health care needs of Watauga and surrounding areas for 12 years. At North Pointe, resident care remains a high priority for our staff and owners. In addition, our services go beyond the traditional therapy and nursing services. We strive to give residents more personalized control over their care. North Pointe is trying to redefine what it means to live in a skilled nursing facility. North Pointe is a smaller facility with a home- like environment and full of friendly hard working staff. On the care side, North Pointe couples extensive experience in long-term care in a strong partnership with Accelerated Care Plus allowing our therapy team to use the most cutting edge technology when offering rehabilitation services to our residents. The commitment of North Pointe Nursing & Rehabilitation is that we want each of our residents to have the best quality of life possible. For more information about North Pointe kindly call 817.498.7220 or feel free to stop by to take a tour. Interested in volunteering your time? Come see the volunteer possibilities with our facility. We would love to meet you and show you our home.



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Rehabilitation
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<u>2016</u> <u>Cíty Observed Holídays</u>

New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2016 President's Day Feb. 15, 2016 Good Friday March 25, 2016 Memorial Day May 30, 2016 Independence Day July 4, 2016 Sept. 5, 2016 Labor Day Nov. 11, 2016 **Veteran's Day** Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24, 2016 Day After Thanksgiving Nov. 25, 2016 Dec. 23, 2016 **Christmas Eve** Christmas Day Dec. 26, 2016 **New Years Eve** Dec. 30, 2016

