



# City Newsletter



## AUGUST CITY COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2014

### City of Watauga

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### Mayor's Message



Hector Garcia  
Mayor

#### Education

One of the main tenants of life is the process of learning. As a baby, adults care for you, but as you grow older, you learn to do things on your own. Part of this learning comes from participation in a defined educational system while other forms of learning are self-taught based on the observations of your surroundings and various methods of trial and error. Learning is a continual process which affects many facets of life including an individual's chosen profession and their ability to excel in that profession. This is equally true for elected city officials. When elected, city officials must use various methods of learning to bring themselves up to speed on how government business works and the rules and regulations which control city business procedures. This can take quite a long time in some cases. To help with the process, we are provided with an orientation class designed to teach newly elected officials how to handle city business. But, this is only the beginning of the learning progression. Elected officials must also learn how to operate under the Texas Constitution and the Texas State Government Codes in addition to the City Home Rule Charter.

The Texas State Government Codes are constantly changing due to the Texas House of Representatives and Senate, which manage the rules for how cities are required to operate within the State of Texas. To assist with these changing rules, elected officials generally turn to the Texas Municipal League (TML) which is an organization that interprets the new laws and changes and then provides training sessions for city officials. Officials can learn how best to operate under the new statutes through various classes held throughout the State.

After an elected official completes 70 hours of course training through TML, they are awarded the designation of a "certified municipal official." Currently, Mayor Pro Tem Davis is the only Watauga elected official to earn this certification, but Councilmember Shelbourne, Councilmember Clark and myself are expected to be certified this year.

As City representatives, we not only represent our citizens but also represent our city throughout Tarrant County and this offers additional avenues for learning. In conjunction with the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce for example, Councilmember Shelbourne along with a city employee, Ms. Patricia Rodriguez, recently graduated from the Chamber's Leadership School. It is with much pride that I congratulate them. It is important for our city to encourage all employees and councilmembers to continue to expand their education and expertise so that Watauga can remain, a Great Place to Live!

### The Watauga Police Department Participates in the National Drug take-Back Initiative

On April 26, 2014 the Watauga Police Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency for their annual Drug Take-Back Initiative. This program provides a location for citizens to safely dispose of used or expired prescription medication. The goal of the program is to collect medication for safe disposal rather than being placed in the local water system or waste landfill. Approximately sixty individuals participated in our event resulting in a total of seventy nine pounds of medication collected. After collecting the medication it was turned over to the DEA for destruction. The DEA reported that 23,502 pounds of medication was collected in the north Texas region during this initiative. Due to the success of this take-back initiative the Watauga Police Department will participate in future events.



### 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

**Citizen Concern Hotline**  
817.514.5815

Hello Watauga!

Well we're now approaching the hot summer months and it's time to think about the topic of "**Water Conservation**", although this should be practiced year round. There are many techniques used today to help conserve and eliminate wasted water resources when going about our daily lives and with a little practice we can make a habit of saving not only water but money as well. Listed below are a few.

#### **INDOOR TIPS**

- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Then use the water from washing the vegetables to water house plants.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save up to 4 gallons per minute.
- One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets for leaks.



#### **OUTDOOR TIPS**

- Reduce the amount of lawn in your yard by planting shrubs and ground covers appropriate to your site and region.
- Plant species native to your region.
- Consider Xeriscaping, this landscape method uses low-water-use plants to limit your water use.
- Contact your local conservation office for more information about xeriscaping with water-thrifty plants.
- Use a grease pencil to conduct a bucket test to check for swimming pool leaks. An unnatural water level drop may indicate a leak.
- Play fun games with your kids while learning how to save water.

Remember there are a number of ways to save water, and they all begin with you. For more information, contact Public Works at 817.514.5806. See you next month!

### **Tax-Free Weekend**

Just in time for back to school shopping is the second Tax-Free Weekend, set for **August 8-10, 2014**. Shoppers have the opportunity to save money on items priced less than \$100 including:

- Dresses, jeans, pajamas, baby clothing, diapers, jogging apparel, shirts, shorts, jackets, sweaters, coats, ponchos, raincoats, and gloves
- Shoes- sandals, tennis, sneakers, cowboy/hiking boots, and slippers
- Socks, hosiery, and underclothes
- Hats- fishing, golf, knitted, or baseball
- Backpacks

Items not eligible include:

- Accessories such as wallets, watches, jewelry, etc.
- Shoes for sports such as cleats, rollerblades, skiing
- Buttons, zippers, and handkerchiefs
- Hard hats or hats used for sports
- Luggage, purses, duffle bags, framed backpacks

Shoppers are encouraged to check with retailers on eligible tax exempt items prior to purchase. To learn about the many local retail, food, and service businesses in the City of Watauga, log on to [www.wataugatx.org](http://www.wataugatx.org) and click the Shop Local link!



### **Meows & Howls**

#### **Watauga Animal Services Center**

5203 Watauga Rd 817.656.9614

**Saturday, August 9, 2014 10a.m. – 12p.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



# Library Events

## Beading Classes

A beading expert will teach this four-part beading class on Saturdays in August from noon to 2:30 p.m. The classes will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. A supply list will be provided during the first class. Registration required. Space is limited.

## Scrapbooking Class

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to document events, holidays, trips, memories, graduations, and leave a legacy for your family in this four-part Scrapbooking class. Please bring your own supplies to class (photos, scrapbooking paper, a photo-safe adhesive (like tabs or tape), and any stickers you would like to use). Registration required. Space is limited.

## The Library Book Club

Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing the classic Ray Bradbury novel *Fahrenheit 451*.

## 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 bring needles/hook and yarn.

## Quilting and Needlework 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 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.

## Bridge Club

Every Thursday from 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## Chess Club

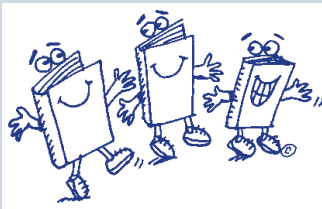
Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES**

Tues. & Wed.  
Ages 18-36 mos.  
10:00-10:15 a.m.  
Ages 3-5 yrs.  
10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Aug. 6, 7:**  
Things That Go!  
**Aug. 13, 14:**  
The Circus is in Town  
**Aug. 20, 21:**  
School Days  
**Aug. 27, 28:**  
Bears, Bears and more  
Bears!

Dream Big  
READ!



## Youth Programs

### Story Times

August 5, 6	Friends Forever
August 12, 13	Goodnight, Sleep Tight
August 19, 20	Back to School
August 26, 27	Giants Galore

### **Dallas Puppet Theatre, Friday Mornings, 10 a.m., August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

As we celebrate the end of summer vacation, join us at the Library for some amazing puppet shows presented by the Dallas Puppet Theatre. The Dallas Puppet Theater offers so much more than entertainment, they provide an unforgettable experience for the whole family!

August 1<sup>st</sup> String Variety  
August 8<sup>th</sup> Rumpelstilskin  
August 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas in August  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Princess and the Pea

### **Pokémon League Night!** Monday, 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 welcomed. Volunteers are available to help beginners.

**Yu-Gi-Oh!** Every Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.! Teen Volunteers are there to help you get started.





**Chess Club!** Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Teen Volunteers provide the instruction.





# Remember the "Four D's"

to defend yourself against  
**West Nile virus**

			
<b>DUSK / DAWN</b>	<b>DRESS</b>	<b>DEET</b>	<b>DRAIN</b>
are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.	in long sleeves and long pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.	(N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions, and always wear repellent when outdoors.	standing water in your back yard and neighborhood — old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.



Tarrant County  
Public Health

<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

July 28, 2014

August 18, 2014

September 3, 2014

October 27, 2014

November 17, 2014

December 15, 2014

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.



## Stay Connected!

Sign up for Blackboard Connect and be notified of Special City Events, Severe Weather Alerts, and more!

Log on to the City Website @ [www.wataugatx.org](http://www.wataugatx.org)



## Senior Adult Center-7857 Indian Springs Rd.



Meets Wednesday from  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
(10:30 a.m. weigh in).  
Come join us! Visit is free!

### Senior Adult Bowling League

Come join us and have fun bowling!

Cost: \$8.00 per day  
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.  
Supplies provided by the Bowling Alley  
Location: Brunswick Watauga Lanes  
7301 Rufe Snow, Watauga

League members can bowl/practice for **FREE on FRIDAYS!**

## Community Center

### Youth Basketball

The Summer League is upon us and registration is open!

The cost is \$55 for ages ranging from 3-6 and \$75 for ages ranging from 7-12. The season will begin on August 9th and we will be finished with the regular season on September 13th. Playoffs will be the following week. You can register online at [www.quickscores.com/watauga](http://www.quickscores.com/watauga) or come by the Recreation Center Monday-Thursday from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., or Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Coach "look and draft" will be on Saturday, June 28th at the Recreation Center. Age groups will perform coach look and draft separately.

We are in need of volunteer youth basketball coaches. If you are interested, please contact David at [dpage@wataugatx.org](mailto:dpage@wataugatx.org) or 817.514.5726

## Fit Pass

Get Fit with a Fit Pass at the Watauga Community Center!

For \$25 a month, you can take our A.M. Workout Club, Extreme Training/Bootcamp, Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Body Works and Spin classes!

Classes are held throughout the week.

For schedules and times, visit our website or call the Community Center at 817.514.5828.

