

# WESTWORTH VILLAGE

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**February 14th**– Catered Lunch  
Noon - 1pm  
*Payment Window Closed during Lunch*

**February 14th**– City Council  
7:00pm. Pre-Council preceding.

**February 14th**– Valentine's Day

**February 20th**—Offices Closed  
Presidents Day

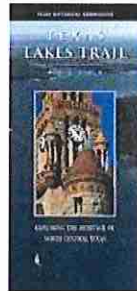
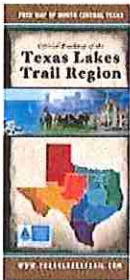
## MAY 2012 GENERAL and SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Westworth Village will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 12, 2012 to allow qualified voters to elect Council Places 2, 3, and 4. These positions carry two year terms.

The first business day the City Secretary can accept your application for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 6. The filing deadline for both candidates and write-in candidates is Monday, March 5. A Special Election for Proposition #1 to re-authorize a 1/4% street maintenance sales tax to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets for four more years will also be held. If you need further information, please contact the City Secretary at 817-710-2526.

## LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER

**Jill Campbell**  
**Regional Coordinator**  
**Texas Lakes Trail**



## NEW PHONE NUMBERS AT CITY HALL

The City's main phone and fax numbers have changed, as follows:

New main phone number is 817-710-2500

New fax number is 817-710-2501

## A STAR-TELEGRAM CHEER

Congratulations to Court Clerk Melissa Westen who received a cheer in January's newspaper. The Fort Worth citizen wrote, "To a very special lady at Westworth Village Municipal Court from a very grateful senior lady. You know who you are. Thank you."

**Risky's BBQ will cater Brisket, Smoked Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Beans, and Rolls**



Bring your favorite Valentine's Day dessert.

Sponsored by the Crime Control and Prevention District

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

First, we apologize for all the mess associated with the rebuilding of Tanny Street. I think we are all aware of the need to repair or replace our streets and utility lines within the City. The good news is the City Council continues to move forward with this process and the bad news is we will probably have some portion of our streets under construction for at least the next two years. The Carb Drive/Holloway project is currently out for bid and Council will review all of the bids at their February meeting with a potential start date in April. The Council also authorized the City Engineer to commence design work on the western portion of Aton Avenue with intent to begin that project in early 2013. Both the Carb Drive and Aton Avenue projects are partially funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Thank you for your patience during this and future construction projects.

## **PLEASE MONITOR YOUR DOGS**

The new year is shaping up to be a great one and I can't believe Valentine's Day is almost here.

The Code Enforcement topic this month is dogs - man's best friend. It has come to my attention through citizen comments that we have a problem throughout the City with dogs defecating on public and private property. This has transpired because residents allow their dogs to defecate while running freely or while on a leash without picking it up. I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone that there is a City ordinance in place on this issue.

### **Sec. 2.01.010 Removal of dog feces**

- (a) An owner, harborer, or other person having care, custody, or control of a dog commits an offense if he knowingly permits or by insufficient control allows the dog to defecate in the city:
- (1) On private property other than property owned, leased, or controlled by the owner, harborer, or person having care, custody, or control of the dog; or
  - (2) On public property or any other place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access, including, but not limited to, a street, sidewalk, alley, park, or playground, or any common area of a school, hospital, apartment house, office building, transport facility, or shop.
- (b) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a) that:
- (1) The owner, harborer, or other person having care, custody, or control of the dog immediately and in a sanitary manner removed and disposed of, or caused the removal and disposal of, all feces deposited on the property by the dog;
  - (2) The dog was specially trained to assist a person with a disability and was in the care, custody, or control of that disabled person at the time it defecated on the property;
  - (3) The owner or person in control of the property had given prior consent for the dog to defecate on the property; or
  - (4) The dog was being used in official law enforcement activities.
- (c) Any person other than a disabled person who has a dog on a leash shall have on his or her person a plastic bag for the purpose of picking up such dog's feces. Such bag shall be presented upon request by any city officer or employee.
- (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of an offense and upon conviction is punishable by a fine..

**Public awareness and cooperation is instrumental to resolving this issue. Please, submit all inquiries or questions to Code Enforcement.**

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**Code Enforcement**  
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## **WATER LESS IN COOLER WEATHER**

With cooler weather and shorter days upon us, our grass has gone dormant. If you have a sprinkler system, you can save water by switching it off and water your lawn manually only when needed. Your grass will be fine.