

### January 2024

## Calendar

#### January 1

 New Year's Day —City Hall will be Closed

#### January 5

Carter Blood Drive—9 AM—2 PM

#### January 9

- Coffee with the Mayor—8:00 AM
- Long Range Planning Meeting—6:00 PM
- City Council Meeting—7:00 PM

#### January 15

Martin Luther King Day—City Hall will be Closed

#### January 17

 First Day Candidate Applications are Accepted

For the latest news, sign-up to receive email and/or text notifications from the city at:

http://cityofwestworth.com/ manage-notifications



### **New Non-Emergency Line Number**

West Comm 911, the emergency dispatch center that we share with our neighboring communities, White Settlement and Sansom Park, now has one central non-emergency line phone number:

817-246-4973

If you have the city's previous non-emergency number saved or written anywhere, please update this information in your records immediately.

As always, if you are experiencing an emergency that requires immediate attention from police, fire, or EMTs, please dial 9-1-1. You will be connected to the West Comm 911 center.

For issues regarding administration, records, or criminal investigations, call the city's main line at 817-710-2500

### **January Blood Drive**



The city will be hosting blood drive at City Hall on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Since they will be coming off the holiday shortage, all donors will receive a pullover jacket, as well as a \$20 e-gift card that can be used at Target, Lowes, Starbucks, or Amazon!

If possible, they will accommodate walk-ins, but scheduling an appointment in advance is HIGHLY encouraged. To schedule, follow this link: <a href="https://www.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive.chedule/148585">https://www.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive.chedule/148585</a> or scan the QR Code:



For questions, contact Elisa Greubel at 817-710-2502 or egreubel@cityofwestworth.com

#### May 4th, 2024 General Election

The City will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for Council Places 2, 3, and 4. Applications will be available on the City website at <a href="https://www.cityofwestworth.com/election-information">www.cityofwestworth.com/election-information</a> or in the City Secretary's office after January 1st.

The first day applications can be accepted is Wednesday, January 17. The filing deadline for candidates is on Friday, February 16, by 5:00 PM.

Contact Brandy Barrett for further information at 817-710-2526 or <a href="mailto:bbarrett@cityofwestworth.com">bbarrett@cityofwestworth.com</a>

### **Recycled Christmas Trees**

Waste Connections will help recycle your used Christmas trees. Just place your tree on your curb after the holidays. Pick up will be on bulk trash day on the regularly operated pick up schedule.

#### Winter Energy Tips from Atoms

As temperatures drop and heaters come on, Atmos has some tips for residents on how to conserve energy and save some money:

- Set to temperature to 68° during the day and 58° when you are away from home
- Water heating accounts for as much as 25% of home energy consumption, with bathing/ showering accounting for up to 40% of the hot water usage. Set water heater to 120° and shorten time spent in the bath/shower.
- Change or clean your heating and air conditioning unit filter regularly and according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Operate your clothes washer, dryer, and dishwasher only when fully loaded.
- Keep fireplace dampers closed unless a fire is burning. Warm air goes right up the chimney when the damper is open.
- If you have a pool, run your pool pump during the coldest part of the day to circulate the water and prevent freezing instead of using the pool heater.

### Managing Polluted Water Runoff

Households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff such as detergents, grime, etc. by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff.

For more information, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency online at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/nps.">www.epa.gov/nps.</a>

# Cease the Grease—Holiday Grease Roundup

This year, from November 13 — January 12, we will be participating in the <u>free</u> Holiday Grease Roundup. There will be a barrel outside the Public Works building at 128 Koldin Ln, available 24/7 to recycle your cooking oil and grease. (Motor oil and other automotive fluids are not accepted.)



Residents should never dispose of cooking grease or cooking oils, including fat from meat, margarine, shortening, or lard, by washing them down the plumbing system or the storm drain. These fats and oils can cause major blockages in sewer pipes, resulting in sewage back ups and damages to infrastructure.

Additionally, oils pollute our streams and creeks by forming a film on the water surface and preventing oxygenation for aquatic life. Polluted water runoff can lead to severe State and Federal fines. As sewer pipes back up, food and sewage particles accumulate to create a health hazard by attracting insects and vermin.

For more information, visit: www.ceasethegreasentx.com