



# Town of Waco



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Greetings All,

I wanted to take a moment to provide an update to all our friends and businesses on some of the exciting things that the Town Board and I are currently working on.

As you may have seen in the Shelby Star, we're one of only three municipalities in the county that is still offering curbside recycling. The Board is committed to continue to offer recycling as long as the cost remains affordable. We do ask that if you are not utilizing this service, please let us know. We are charged based on the number of containers being used, so if you aren't using the service, we can save money if we removed your address from our account. You can email us at [townofwaco@gmail.com](mailto:townofwaco@gmail.com) or call 704-769-4147 and leave a message. I included a recycling calendar that shows the collection dates with this letter.

Republic Services has asked that we remind everyone that only "bagged household trash" can be placed in the trash bin. We have had a few incidents where yard waste (leaves), tree branches and limbs, and construction material has been found in the bins. Please refrain from placing those types of items in with the trash. Those need to be taken to a collection area or the landfill. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We continue to move forward with our NC Dept. of Commerce grant projects list. We have completed the sidewalk project and work on the Community Center is close to being completed. The old tile ceiling has been replaced, the bathrooms have new fixtures, new windows and new lighting has been installed, and the interior of the building has been painted.

The final phase of renovations includes installing all new flooring, installing new plantation blinds, new replacement screen doors, and upgrades to the kitchen. These renovations are possible thru a much appreciated \$10,000.00 grant from Cleveland County. We hope to have all the Community Center renovations completed by May.

Our Town Hall window replacement project is behind schedule. If anyone has the name of a good general contractor that is reasonable and does windows, please contact me.

I'm very happy to announce that the Town has also secured a second \$10,000.00 grant that we are going to use to purchase new Christmas lights. Although our Christmas lights are only up a few weeks each year, I believe they help define us. Our lights are enjoyed by thousands of people that travel through Waco each December. The current decorations have been around a while and they are showing their age. We'll be looking at different styles and designs for the new lights at our March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, so please come out and express your thoughts and ideas. We'll be making choices that will be around for years, so we want your input.

We continue to reach out for updates on the widening of Cherryville Rd. and the replacement of the bridge on South Main Street. The NCDOT has put all planned bridge and road projects on hold due to the budget battles in Raleigh. We will pass along any new information as we get it.

The park project we announced last summer is still on our project list. More info to come as it's available.

The Waco Community Fire Dept. is holding an "Easter Boston Butt Sale" with pick-up on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The Butt's are \$40.00 and includes slaw and sauce. You can order online at [www.wacovfd.org](http://www.wacovfd.org) or go by the fire station. Orders need to be pre-paid by Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, we've added a new feature to the Community Center page on our website. Anyone interested in renting the building can go to [www.townofwaco.com](http://www.townofwaco.com), click on Community Center, scroll down to the calendar and see what dates are available. Check it out! For more information on things mentioned in this letter call 704-769-4147 or email us at [townofwaco@gmail.com](mailto:townofwaco@gmail.com). You can also reach out to us from our website [www.townofwaco.com](http://www.townofwaco.com) or on our Facebook page.

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