

THE QUARTERLY ROUND-UP

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Webb County Judge, Tano E. Tijerina's Newsletter

Message from the County Judge...



Dear Webb County,

We are midway through the year and it has been a true pleasure to continue to serve as your Webb County Judge. During my time in office I have met some wonderful and inspirational individuals and at the same time many friendships have been tested.

Stewardship is defined as “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially, the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” As a public servant it is my duty to ensure that I am a good steward of the tax payers' monies.

As many of you are aware, Webb County is currently facing a \$10-13 million deficit. Our administration has worked tirelessly to correct expenditure trends that have occurred in the past years. Although my predecessors have experienced surpluses, I've been left with millions of dollars in deficit that needs to be solved within the next three months.

I am faced with the unenviable responsibility to make prudent yet difficult decisions at this time, which include running a leaner and more efficient county. It is imperative that before we decide to raise taxes we first look internally to find strategic savings and reductions. We cannot continue to make wrong decisions to appease anyone's political agenda.

I made a commitment to the people of Webb County to be candid and transparent. In government these two things sometimes are not easy and not the popular thing to do, but I was NOT elected to do the easy or popular thing, I was elected to do the RIGHT THING.

I will continue to run with this principle each and every day as I make decisions and remember that this government does not belong to me, it belongs to YOU — the people of Webb County.

Adversity is a great teacher and I assure you that we will take our lessons head on. I know that together we will emerge from this economic challenge. As a community now is the time to come together because together we are **STRONGER**, together we are **BOLDER** together we are **UNITED**, together we are **ONE**, but most importantly, together we are making Webb County the **BEST COUNTY IN TEXAS!**

God Bless.

Un Abrazo Grande,

Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge

BUDGET CRUNCH



BUILDING A NEW WEBB COUNTY THROUGH CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES

With budget season upon us, two county employees have been hammering out the details for a proposed balanced budget despite a decline in revenues. Budget Officers, Lalo Uribe and Leroy Medford have been a driving force in balancing the county's budget. Since becoming budget officers they have been honest and vocal about our current shortfall. They have already identified ways that will aid in strategic savings and on May 9, the commissioners court took action and adopted such recommendations. Unfortunately, these actions will only get the county so far.

They continue to carefully analyze all avenues to propose recommendations to the commissioners court. Rest assured that these recommendations do not come easy, but are something that needs to be done. In order to emerge from this economic turmoil they will need cooperation from everyone not just a selected few.

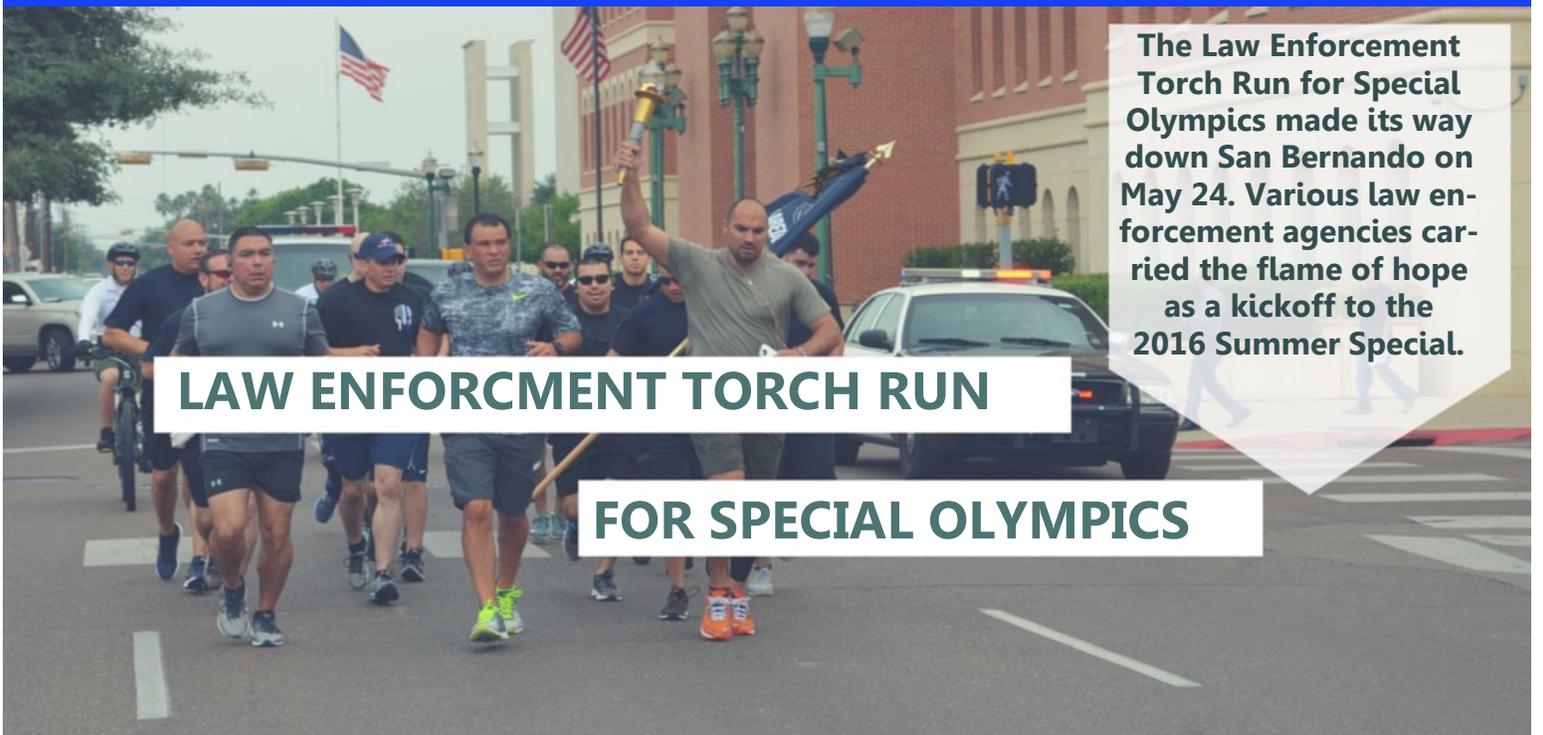
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EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



Our employee appreciation merienda allows us an opportunity to express our gratitude for our employees. Each and every one of our employees is a key component to the Webb County team and to the overall success of the county. Every day we strive to provide continuity in excellence and the highest level of service to county constituents. Thank you for everything that you all have done for Webb County!



The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics made its way down San Bernando on May 24. Various law enforcement agencies carried the flame of hope as a kickoff to the 2016 Summer Special.

LAW ENFORCMENT TORCH RUN

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

DR. PAUL TELLER, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR SENATOR CRUZ



Judge Tijerina had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Paul Teller, Chief of Staff for Senator Ted Cruz. Judge Tijerina took this opportunity to express the need that Webb County has for infrastructure improvements as well as funding, amongst other issues.



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK MEMORIAL



National Law Enforcement Memorial pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, for the safety and protection of others. Thank you law enforcement officers for everything you do!

Quad City Town Hall Meeting

Going on his second year in office, Judge Tijerina continues to host of the Quad City area that I am town hall meetings as part of his effort to meaningfully engage with constituents. More than 50 residents from the Quad-City area came together for an hour-long town hall meeting held at the Ernesto J. Salinas Community Center on April 12, 2016. The town hall meeting was held in an open forum which gave constituents the opportunity to openly express any thoughts or concerns.

“I want to ensure the constituents here to listen to their needs and concerns. This Town Hall meeting allowed me the opportunity to address quality of life concerns through questions and discussion participation.” - Judge Tijerina

Judge Tijerina adjourned the town hall meeting by sharing an update with residents on future projects he envisions for Webb County and thanked all who attended.



HONOR FLIGHT

In early March of this year, Mrs. Tonie Gamboa approached Judge Tijerina regarding the Honor Flight Program. She spoke passionately about the program's mission, which is to provide World War II veterans who do not have the means to travel, with an unforgettable trip to the nation's capital to visit the memorials built in their honor.

Without hesitation, Judge Tijerina placed an item on our agenda for consideration to assist this great cause. On March 14, 2016, the Webb County Commissioners Court not only donated \$5,000 towards this program, but also made a pledge to provide \$5,000 every year from now on.

On May 20, 2016, five local veterans traveled to visit Washington D.C. to see their WWII Memorial built to honor their service and sacrifice. All of this was made possible through a collective effort and the hard work of many individuals.



ELITE - 8

Judge Tijerina and Commissioner Galo hosted Pasta Night for the United High School Baseball team before facing the Jaguars in the Elite Eight.

GREAT JOB BOYS!
PROUD OF YOU!



JOINT EFFORTS

TO SECURE OUR BORDERS

Chief Border Patrol Agent Mario Martinez gave Judge Tijerina an update on current border security in Webb County. They also discussed ways in which the county and border patrol can work together to strengthen security along Webb County for the safety of our community.



“Chief Martinez, I look forward to working with you and once again WELCOME TO WEBB COUNTY!”

OUTLET SHOPPES

COMING SOON!



Webb County was able to collaborate with the City of Laredo to make the Outlet Shoppes a reality. When we work together great things happen!



STATE *of the* COUNTY

Judge Tano E. Tijerina "This past year we ushered in a new era, but there is still much work that needs to be done. Webb County is positioned for greatness and we must set our eyes on the future," said Judge Tijerina.

The theme of his speech was "Together." Judge Tijerina highlighted accomplishments across county departments including the Community Actions Agency, Economic Development, Water Utilities, Indigent Health, Volunteer Fire Department and the Casa Blanca Golf Course. He also took this time to express his goals for the future of Webb County.

Judge Tijerina placed special emphasis on the economic challenge that Webb County is facing and workable solutions.

"The State of the County address gives me the opportunity to discuss the county's accomplishments, goals and challenges," said Judge Tijerina.



Do you know Luis Vargas?



Before many of us have even given thought to brewing our first cup of coffee in the morning one county employee is already out in full force tackling the courthouse landscape. Mr. Luis Vargas has spent many months working on boosting the courthouse's curb appeal and it has never looked better.

Mr. Vargas began working with the county a little over a year ago and made it his personal mission to spruce up the courthouse landscape and the results speak for themselves. The scorching south Texas heat is no match for Mr. Vargas' green thumb as he seems to have an endless supply of energy and can be spotted hard at work sprucing up several county buildings throughout the day. It's hard to believe he's 61!

Mr. Vargas work ethic can be traced back to his childhood. At the early age of 9 he began cleaning sidewalks as a means to assist his mom financially and by 10-years-old he was a migrant worker traveling from Michigan to Indiana to Idaho.

When Mr. Vargas takes a break from beautifying the outdoors he enjoys spending time with his wife but most importantly with God.

"Mr. Vargas, your work ethic is nothing short of amazing. You go above and beyond what is expected of you and show great pride in your work. Every morning that I arrive to work you are already here watering the grass with a smile on your face. I look forward to your weekly devotionals and words of encouragement. I admire you because no matter how hot it may be outside you never complain and you never stop working. Thank you for everything that you do and for being a great public servant." – Judge Tano Tijerina

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUDGE AND LALO



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What Can We Do for You?

Please share any ideas, opinions, or concerns:

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