



Community News

December 2020

City Manager

We have seen the start of two very exciting developments in Waterford with grading operations on-going at the Edgewater housing subdivision at Pecan and Pasadena and the start of the long-awaited McDonalds with clearing operations on November 30th. The McDonalds will be located at Yosemite and Pasadena and will include indoor and drive through service. At this time, we do not have a schedule for construction nor opening but we will try to get that information for future community updates.

We as a community continue to feel the effects of COVID 19. Your staff continues to perform their duties but City Hall continues to be closed to the public. I know this can be inconvenient to many of you but we are continuing the countywide effort to reduce the transmission of COVID 19. For your convenience, you can pay your utility bill through the USPS, use the drop box at the front entrance of City Hall, online at <https://waterford.merchantransact.com> or pay by phone by calling (209) 874-2328 and pressing 1. We hope to open City Hall doors when it is safe to do so.

Stanislaus County has regressed into the “purple” category as we have seen COVID 19 cases increasing now that the weather has cooled. Along with the increased infection rate, we are seeing hospital cases increasing including use of Intensive Care Units (ICUs). Current modeling shows that we will continue to see infection rates increase through the month of December. Now it is more important than ever to do our part to reduce the spread of the disease. Please reduce your activities to essential needs and continue to wear your face coverings when in public. While the Governor has not done so yet, it is anticipated that we could see another “Stay at Home” order if the infection rate continues to climb. Nobody wants that so please do your part.

Love Waterford will be providing Christmas Food Baskets to the Community on December 19th, 2020 from 3-5pm at the Waterford Community Center located at 540 C Street.

The City of Waterford staff wishes you and your families a Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Michael Pitcock,
City Manager

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- City Council Regular Meetings – December 3rd and 17th at 6:30 PM – Via Zoom
- Planning Commission Meeting – December 22nd at 6:30 – Via Zoom

Public Works

- **Main Street Reconstruction -** The project is in design and scheduled for construction in Spring/Summer 2021. The project will add missing sidewalk and provide reconstruction of the roadway from Church Street to G Street and provide a pot hole free smooth and safe roadway.

- **2021 Slurry and Cape Seal -** Over the last two years, the city has made a concerted effort to maintain our street network. Three separate slurry seal projects were completed on approximately 40% of our road network adding 7-10 additional years of life to the streets. A slurry seal is a relatively inexpensive maintenance application which keeps good streets in good condition so they do not deteriorate to a point where a much more expensive repair is needed. The 2021 Slurry and Cape Seal project is in design and will be the largest project yet at nearly \$1,000,000. The project will be funded with Measure L, a Countywide special sales tax for road maintenance purposes. Please see the map attached for the locations of roadways currently scheduled for the much-needed improvement.
- **Citywide Watering Schedule -**
 - Outdoor watering is prohibited daily from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.
 - Odd-numbered addresses watering days are Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
 - Even-numbered addresses watering days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
 - No outdoor water use on Monday.

Fall and Winter are a great time turn your sprinkler clocks off and let nature water your landscape and save you money by lowering your water consumption.

- **Citywide Clean-up and Recycling Event -** The Community Clean-up and Recycling event was held on November 14, 2020. This was a highly successful event with over 75 cubic yards of waste collected. We hope to do another event in 2021. Please look for updates in future community updates.

Administrative

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Accepting Applications for Boards/Commissions: Waterford City Council is accepting applications from interested residents on a continuous basis to fill upcoming vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions. If you are at least 18 years of age and live in Waterford and have an interest in serving on any of the City's Boards or Commissions please contact City Hall for an application. Or, applications are also available on our website: www.cityofwaterford.org.

City Finances: The City's Auditors completed the audit of the financial statements on November 23, 2020. The financial statements will be presented to the City Council for acceptance at the December 17, 2020 meeting. All adopted and accepted financial information is available to the public on our website cityofwaterford.org. The Budgets and Audits are on the website under Departments and Finance. Records are available as far back as 2013 on the City's website.

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- Sign up for E-Bills, where you can perform a variety of self-services including: check your current balance, pay with Debit/Credit Cards, see usage and payment history. To sign up go to: <https://waterford.merchantransact.com>

Community Calendar: <http://cityofwaterford.org/events>, let us know if we're missing something, and check it out to ensure you're not missing out on anything.
