



Community News

January 2021

City Manager

Happy New Year!!! I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021. We here at the city have big plans for 2021. We have two major development projects in construction with the McDonalds at Yosemite and Pasadena and the Edgewater housing subdivision at Pecan and Pasadena. These two developments will bring much needed commercial business/jobs and housing to our community. We are also in discussions with two property owners along Yosemite regarding new commercial developments and one property owner near Welch and Bentley regarding a small 13-unit housing development. There is no timeframe for these proposed projects but are hopeful we will have some activity in 2021.

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.merchanttransact.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 and the San Joaquin Valley region is in a “Regional Stay at Home Order” 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). Please continue to be diligent and do your 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. Vaccinations have begun in our county and they have started with those in the medical industry and now those over age 65. While vaccinations are not mandatory, you are encouraged to get vaccinated when you are eligible to do so. Please follow the county website at [Vaccine Information - Coronavirus - HSA - Stanislaus County \(schsa.org\)](http://Vaccine Information - Coronavirus - HSA - Stanislaus County (schsa.org)) for vaccination information and locations of vaccination clinics.

Michael Pitcock,
City Manager

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- City Council Workshop on Council Priorities – February 3rd at 5:00 PM – Via Zoom
- City Council Regular Meetings – February 4th and 18th at 6:30 PM – Via Zoom
- City Council and Planning Commission Joint Brown Act Training February 4th at 5:30 – Via Zoom
- Planning Commission Meeting – February 23rd at 6:30 – Via Zoom

Public Works

- **Main Street Reconstruction -** The project is approved for bidding and construction in anticipated 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 those 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.
- **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.

Administrative

Facebook – Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofwaterford>, and for law enforcement at <https://www.facebook.com/StanSheriffWPS>.

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.

Pay your City of Waterford Utility Bill Online

- 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.

Police Services

Waterford Police Services 2020 Year End Report: Please review the Waterford Police Services 2020 Year End Report attached to this newsletter. We are happy to say crime is trending down but we all must remain diligent and work with our Police Department if you see suspicious activities.
