



Community News

April / May 2021

City Manager

Hope everyone is happy and healthy! COVID continues to be forefront in our daily lives. Stanislaus County has moved into the “red” tier but our infection rate still will not permit us to move into the “orange” tier. However, the State is still moving to a reopening on June 15th. We need to stay vigilant so the State does not have a reason to postpone reopening. However, we are moving towards reopening of City Hall effective June 1st. You are still encouraged to continue to make payments and complete various applications as you are currently, but you can come in and complete those tasks at our counter June 1st.

I know many of you have received or are in process of receiving your COVID vaccine. But many more of you have not done so. We are trying to make it convenient and we are working to get another mobile clinic in Waterford. But I would not wait and you can schedule a vaccine appointment at the county website at [Vaccine Information - Coronavirus - HSA - Stanislaus County \(schsa.org\)](https://www.schsa.org/vaccine-information) for vaccination information and locations of vaccination clinics.

I know many of you have been hit hard through lost or reduced wages. We continue to work to find ways to provide assistance. Stanislaus County continues to allocated funding for those that meet certain income requirements by offering help for those behind on their rent and utility payments. Please see more information on our website at <https://www.cityofwaterford.org/2021/02/24/emergency-rental-assistance-program/> .

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.

On the construction front, McDonalds is open and they have started home construction at Edgewood Estates at Pecan and Pasadena. If you are in the market for a new home, you can find information online at [New Homes in Edgewater | WATERFORD, CA | Express \(drhorton.com\)](https://www.drhorton.com/new-homes-in-edgewater-waterford-ca) .

Michael Pitcock,
City Manager

Meet Your New Council Members



COUNCIL MEMBER JILL KITCHENS

City Council Service: Elected in 2020 to first term.

Term expires: November 2024

Community Vision: Focusing on new development, bringing jobs and growth to the community. Maintaining our community infrastructure and making our community a better place to live.

Background: Has lived in Waterford since 1987. Married to Josh Kitchens, has one child Josh Kitchens Jr. Jill is self-employed and has worked with her family business in farming and construction since 1999.

Community Involvement: Served on the Planning Commission



COUNCIL MEMBER JAMIE HILTON

City Council Service: Elected in 2020 to first term.

Term expires: November 2024

Community Vision: To promote economic growth in the City and surrounding areas while keeping a small-town feel. Continue looking to provide opportunities for our youth in the community and make sure they have programs and activities to help them succeed. Provide a safe environment in the City while making sure city services are run efficiently and at the lowest cost.

Background: Has lived in Waterford for over 30 years, married to his wife Brandy with one son, Skylar. Mr. Hilton is currently working on local almond ranches in a supervisorial position.

Community Involvement: Served on the Waterford Planning Commission, and has directed numerous community fundraisers for those in need. Mr. Hilton has coached youth baseball and basketball in Waterford for many years and has volunteered with local non-profits at their fundraisers.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- City Council Regular Meetings – May 20th, June 3rd and June 17th at 6:30 PM – Via Zoom
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – May 11th and June 8th at 6:00 PM – Via Zoom
- Planning Commission Meeting – May 25th and June 22nd at 6:30 – Via Zoom

Public Works

- **Main Street Reconstruction -** The project is in construction. 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 out to bid 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 Chief

Waterford Police Services was very honored to participate in the recent Love Waterford event. It was great to see all those who volunteered their time to help complete projects around town and more importantly get to know one another as a community. I am happy to announce we are in the early planning stages for National Night Out 2021, which as things on the COVID front continue to improve, we are planning for August at Beard Park. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Traffic is still a major concern in Waterford, and the deputies assigned to Waterford Police Services have been out looking for speeders, red light runners, stop sign runners and those who may need some remedial education on their driving skills. Our goal is to educate first and enforce when needed to ensure our roadways are safe for all. We recently had two of our assigned deputies attend radar/Lidar school and they are now certified to operate our radar Lidar equipment for speed enforcement.

As we quickly roll into the summer months, I want to encourage everyone to be cautious when spending a day in River Park or attending one of our local reservoirs. On a hot day the water looks inviting, but keep in mind there are hidden dangers under the water. Use extreme caution when in the water and make sure the little ones are wearing a life jacket. If you need a life jacket, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire has the Life Jacket Loan Out Program, for information on this program, go to www.scfpd.us/life-jacket-loan-out-program. Be safe everyone.
