



Community News

June / July 2021

City Manager Message



Welcome to Summer 2021! While COVID is still here we are starting to move forward with reopening. On June 1st, City Hall reopened and you can now come in to do your normal city business. On June 15th, the State opened the economy and most restrictions have been lifted. City Council meetings are now being held in person at City Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month here at City Hall at 6:30 PM. We would love to see you here. The city has also started taking reservations for the Community Center rental. Spots are filling up quickly so please call or stop by City Hall early should you want to reserve the building for your event.

Vaccinations have slowed but you still have opportunities to get yours at many locations in the County. Visit county website at [Vaccine Information - Coronavirus - HSA - Stanislaus County \(schsa.org\)](https://www.schsa.org) 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 allocate 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/> .

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. Now the City Hall is open, you can also stop by City Hall and pay in person too.

The developer has 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) .

Michael Pitcock,
City Manager



Upcoming Meetings/Events

- City Council Regular Meetings – July 1st, July 15th, August 5th and August 19th at 6:30 PM – In Person.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – July 6th and August 10th at 6:00 PM – In Person.
- Planning Commission Meeting – July 27th and August 24th at 6:30 – In Person.

Public Works

- **Main Street Reconstruction -** The project to add missing sidewalk and provide reconstruction of the roadway from Church Street to G Street is nearing completion. Take a look if you are in the area.
- **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 \$750,000. 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 Message](#)

As we approach the 4th of July holiday weekend, we are seeing a large amount of illegal aerial fireworks being shot off in the Waterford area. This is not only illegal by statute but is also dangerous due to the dry conditions in the area. Waterford Police Services will have illegal fireworks patrols during the 4th of July weekend, and anyone caught possessing, or setting off any illegal fireworks will be issued a misdemeanor citation for violating the California Health and Safety Code. These violations include up to one year in the county jail, and up to a \$50,000 fine. We encourage families to celebrate Independence Day with their families and display "Safe and Sane" fireworks. Have a great Independence Day weekend and above all, be safe and respect your neighbors and fellow citizens of Waterford.



What is the definition of "dangerous" and "exempt" fireworks?"

California Health and Safety Code 12505 lists "dangerous" fireworks. Simply put, buying and/or using dangerous fireworks is always illegal other than by someone with a "special display license".

Examples of "dangerous" fireworks include:

1. Fireworks that contain arsenic sulfide or arsenites, most chlorates, magnesium, most phosphorous, zirconium, or many other chemicals.
2. Firecrackers, skyrockets, rockets, and sparklers larger than ten inches in length or one-quarter inch in diameter, and
3. Any other fireworks that the State Fire Marshal has declared "unsafe for use by any person not specifically qualified or trained in the use of fireworks".

What is the definition of "safe and sane" fireworks?"



California Health and Safety Code 12529 describes "safe and sane" fireworks. These are defined as any fireworks that have not been classified and "dangerous" or "exempt". These fireworks typically comply with California's fireworks laws.

How do I know whether fireworks are safe and sane?

"Safe and sane" fireworks must display a "State of California, State Fire Marshall Registered Fireworks" seal. If they do not, they are illegal fireworks

in California.

Other California Health and Safety Codes regarding fireworks:

Section 12677 Possessing Illegal Fireworks

Section 12689 Furnishing fireworks to a minor under the age of 16.

Section 12680 Discharging of dangerous fireworks where injury to another person is likely.
