



Community News

August / September 2021

City Manager Message



We are in the heat of the summer and if you are like me, you are looking forward to Fall and a few rain storms! For the most part, the economy has fully reopened. However, we can't seem to shake COVID-19. Positivity rates are up and the vast majority of positive cases are the Delta Variant. Continue to be vigilant and do your part to lower the chances of contracting and spreading the virus.

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.

Vaccinations have slowed but you still have opportunities to get yours at many locations in the County. Visit county website at <http://schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/> 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/> .

Also, the city has received American Rescue funds and we have started collecting data from citizen and businesses and we would love to get your opinion. Please visit our website at www.cityofwaterford.org/2021/08/31/american-rescue-plan-funds-survey/ and fill out the survey and best uses for the funding.

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 <https://www.drhorton.com/california/central-valley/waterford#> .



Michael Pitcock,
City Manager

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- City Council Regular Meetings – September 2nd, September 19th, October 7th and October 21st at 6:30 PM – In Person.
- Planning Commission Meeting – September 28th and October 26th 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 in construction 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 school resumes with in person learning, I would like to remind everyone to be alert for students walking or biking to school in the morning and afternoon hours. We want to ensure we give our children a safe environment as they travel back and forth between home and school. Remember, the speed limit in a school zone is 25 mph when children are present. Waterford Police Services deputies will be in and around schools enforcing the school zone speed limits. We will also, on occasion have Sheriff's Department traffic units on motorcycles patrolling the schools. Be alert and slow-down in the school zones to make sure our kids get to school safely.
- National Night Out was held on Tuesday August 3rd. It was great to see so many members of the community out at Beard Park enjoying the event. Many prizes, including bicycles were raffled off and it was great to see the smiles on the faces of the winners. You may have seen Air 101, the sheriff's department helicopter fly over and land in the park. The helicopter was carrying Sheriff Jeff Dirkse and his wife to the event. We were the sheriff's first stop of the night and he was able to get out and speak with many of you during the event. A shout out to Deputy Justin Martinez, who is our Waterford Police Services Community Resource Deputy. He did a fantastic job organizing the National Night Out event along with Love Waterford and other agencies. We look forward to seeing all of you at National Night Out 2022!



- On Thursday September 30, 2021, at 7:00 pm Waterford Police Services in cooperation with Waterford High School will be having a charity basketball game at the Waterford High School gymnasium. The game will feature your Waterford Police Services Deputies along with other sheriff's department staff taking on staff and students from Waterford High School. There will be food and great raffle prizes available during the event. All proceeds from this event will go to the Officer Michael Rokaitis fund set up by the Modesto Police Officers Association. Officer Rokaitis was shot in the line of duty and has suffered a very traumatic injury. He is recovering, but it will be a long process. These funds will help him and his family as he travels the long road to recovery. So please, come join us on September 30th, buy a game ticket, some food, and a chance to win some great raffle prizes to support a **true hero**.
