

# **Community News**

## **2022 Quarter 3**

### City Manager Message

Summer has been real hot and your City Staff is trying to continue to bring you quality facilities at our parks. However, some parks have suffered under the heat and dry areas can be found. In addition, the river parks and trail are very dry and we hope that care will be taken by the community to ensure fire does not break out. Please only barbeque in designated areas and despense used charcoal in bins specifically designated for that use.

In addition, our river parks have been highly used this summer and we have had significant litter, illegal parking and numorous incidents occur that has caused the city to close the parks for a few weeks to try to reset the usage to acceptable levels. Unfortunately, if we have additional weekend activity that is detrimental to our park users, we may have to close the parks on weekends again. Please understand that this is not the prference of the city but may become necessary if use of the parks gets out of hand again.

On the COVID-19 front, we are seeing new variants and infections are on the rise. For your safety, vaccinations are still available at many locations in the County. Visit county website at <a href="http://schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/">http://schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/</a> 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/.

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 <a href="https://waterford.merchanttransact.com">https://waterford.merchanttransact.com</a> 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 continues to build homes at Edgewood Estates at Pecan and Pasadena. Many homes have been completed and if you are in the market for a new home, you can find information online at <a href="https://www.drhorton.com/california/central-valley/waterford#">https://www.drhorton.com/california/central-valley/waterford#</a>. Homes are selling fast so inquire soon.

Michael Pitcock, City Manager

## 2022 Elections

The candidate nomination period for the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election in the City of Waterford opened on Monday, July 18th and closes Friday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m. Waterford voters will be electing a Mayor and two (2) members of the City Council at the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial General Election.

To be eligible to run for office you must be a United States citizen, resident of Waterford and registered voter in the City of Waterford at the time nomination papers are issued, and at least 18 years of age or older.

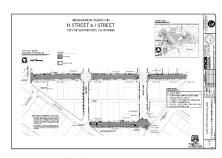
If you are interested in being nominated as a candidate for Mayor or Member of the City Council for the City of Waterford in the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election, please contact Patricia Krause. City Clerk at 209-874-2328 x101.

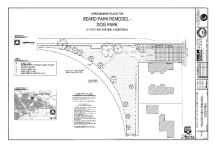
## **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- City Council Regular Meetings August 4th, August 18th, April 7th and September 1st at 6:30 PM
   In Person.
- Planning Commission Meeting August 30 and September 27th at 6:30 In Person.

#### **Public Works**

H and I Street Reconstruction The project began and all access ramps have been replaced. Unfortunately, a gas line was found to be too shallow and the contractor had to pull off to allow for PG&E to lower the line. As soon as PG&E completes their work, the contractor will return, remove the existing paved surface and rebuild the road.





• <u>Dog Park</u> – The project has been awarded to a contractor and the amenities have been ordered. The contractor should begin soon with completion later this summer or early fall.

#### 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**

<u>Facebook</u> – Follow us at <u>https://www.facebook.com/cityofwaterford</u>, 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: <a href="www.cityofwaterford.org">www.cityofwaterford.org</a>.

#### 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.merchanttransact.com

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

## **Police Chief Message**



Greetings everyone, I hope your having a great summer. As the temperatures rise, the temptation of cooling off in the river increases. The cool water looks so refreshing and inviting that you do not even consider that something could go wrong. Rivers are often much colder than swimming pools or sometimes even the ocean. The cold can cause cramping and hypothermia, which puts the swimmer at risk of drowning, and in a few alcoholic drinks and a day of fun can quickly turn into a day of tragedy. If you have small children, the temptation of the water is even

greater. Always make sure young children are always wearing a life jacket around the water. If you are in need of a loaner life jacket consider the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District's Life Jacket Loaner Program, for information on the program, or to download the form, go to <a href="https://www.scfpd.us/life-jacket-loan-out-program/">www.scfpd.us/life-jacket-loan-out-program/</a>.

Mark your calendars, National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM. The event will be held at Beard Park/Community Center, 540 C St. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. Come out, meet your local Waterford Police Services Deputies and your neighbors for this great night of fun and community. See you there!