



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

MARCH, 2021

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,



Since February is a short month, I am going to keep this a short column!

As I start writing this with it being 73°F outside, it is hard to believe that one week ago we were on the verge of losing power and potable water supply due to the arctic cold blast that came through after President's Day on Tuesday, February 16, and it was a bone chilling 15°F.

Although we eventually did lose power and water for around 18 hours, I have to say we were very lucky in only having that. Many of our neighbors around us went three days with no power, and some of our Texas friends up north went even longer with sub-zero temperatures, no power, and frozen water pipes.

This hard freeze left us with broken pipes, including three for myself, and hopefully you have had the time and help in getting yours repaired. I know this can hit a cord on how terrible and horrible it is. The cold was so bad and power plants couldn't keep up with the demand, that some people lost their lives. But when it is all over, I can promise you there is good on the other side. All things will be new and good again. Yes, the Texas Electric Reliability Council of Texas owes all of us an explanation, and I encourage you to write and complain about your situation as you see fit.

Did you know that CLS is waiving permit and inspection fees for work related to winter storms and sub-freezing temperatures. CLS residents and business owners who sustained plumbing damage from freezing pipes and associated component damage during those storms will not be charged a fee for the permit nor the resulting inspection for the next two months. I know it is hard for us to recover from this tragedy and the last thing you need is additional cost. We, as the City, are committed to assist in every way possible to help you get back to normal.

The issuance of a permit and the inspection process will continue to ensure that proper construction practices are utilized for the protection of those having the work done. You know there are a lot of good plumbing companies who are registered with the City of CLS, but at times like this, outside contractors who are not registered may come calling. Before you engage anyone for your reconstruction, we encourage you to check with the CLS Building department to ensure they are registered. To find a list of registered plumbers in Clear Lake Shores, please visit www.clearlakeshores-tx.gov/buildingpermits.

On to City elections...wait, we just had elections! Yes, May 1st was slated for our next set of elections. The City received the following applicants for the upcoming elections and since they are not contested it looks like the City will be able to certify these candidates therefore not requiring an election. One application for Mayor – Kurt Otten and two applications for City Council – Steve Wirtes and Monica Newell-Ledet

You know this City works off the hard work of all our residents and I encourage you to get involved in your local government and serve your community. The City of Clear Lake Shores is looking for volunteers who want to help guide the City by serving on boards, commissions, and committees. The City is currently accepting applications for one position on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and one position on the Roads & Drainage committees.

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit www.clearlakeshores-tx.gov/boardsandcommissions and download the volunteer application form. Please submit application form no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021. If you have additional questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 281-334-2799. Citizen participation and involvement are key to the success of our city!

If you ever have an issue, concern, or want to tell me how things are going right please reach out and give me a call at 832.584.0975.

Well, I had all good intentions on keeping this short...but what can I say when we have such an awesome city that we have so many things to discuss and be thankful of.

May God Bless CLS,
Mayor Kurt

Where every sunset is celebrated, and we look forward to every sunrise!

Island Life & Golf Cart Rides