



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

MAY 2022

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,

Well, we are going into May already, so I just want to let you know that means Hurricane Season is an upcoming event in the annual tropical cyclone season in the Northern Hemisphere. The season officially begins on June 1, 2022, and ends on November 30, 2022. According to CSU forecast, they are predicting that the season's activity will be about 130% of the average season. Last year's hurricane season saw about 140% of the average season. So please everyone needs to review their hurricane plans to ensure they know what to do if one heads our way (hopefully not). The city will also be doing a tabletop exercise to ensure the city hurricane plan is reviewed and squared away for the season and ensure many of the street ditches are cleared of debris. You also should verify you have proper insurance coverage for your homes with windstorm as well as FEMA flood coverages and coverage for others like auto and other property.

In May we have an Election for two open seats on our WCID #12 Water Board. The Water Board provides water and sewer services for Clear Lake Shores, Kemah, Lazy Bend, and a few additional outlying areas. Please go out and vote and I encourage you to do your research on who will best serve the City of Clear Lake Shores and keep our rates low.

The Easter weekend activities were enjoyed by many starting on Saturday with pictures with the Easter Bunny and an Egg hunt in Jarboe park with Georgette South at the helm then Sunday sunrise service at Deep Hole Park assembled by JT & Cathy Thomas.

Hopefully, everyone had a great time at The Clear Lake Shores 60th Anniversary celebrations kick off on April 30th with the 1962 Themed 60th Anniversary Celebration Family Picnic at Jarboe Park where we had an Antique cars parade, 1960's music, display of some CLS history and had a good ole Shrimp Fest for all our residents along with some fun nostalgia games and free giveaways. Be on the lookout for more information to follow on this great event. Be sure to pick up your 60th Anniversary items that the Civic Club is currently selling.

On the Council front, there was unanimous approval for selecting Bob Rolf, and Roger DeRick, to the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission with Jesse Young as an alternate. Thanks to all who applied. I know there are a few zoning change requests that have been submitted to the city and as part of the process, these are published to notify the public and to allow the public to comment at announced P&Z meetings. The P&Z commission consists of citizens or property owners from the city who will make recommendations to City Council by board majority vote in attendance. Then the next City Council meeting will have this on the agenda to discuss and take action. I encourage folks to attend the meetings and let them know your position on these as well as talk to me or any Councilmembers. Your voice is important and needs to be heard as these changes will impact the city for many years to come.

May God Bless CLS,

Mayor Kurt

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In December, the City Council voted unanimously for the purchase of five new police vehicles to replenish our fleet as our current fleet has aged greatly and one was lost in a recent accident.

CLSPD did an intensive comparison with options to purchase versus a fleet lease agreement. After all the dust settled, it was found to be better to purchase these vehicles outright due to the great planning of our prior city council in 2015 to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which made the necessary funds with additional council to fund possible.

These new cars will be 2022 Ford Explorers with a base color of white. New CLS Police graphics have been approved by city council so expect these to be on the street soon keeping our city safe while providing safe and dependable equipment for our officers. The previous vehicles in use that have reached their service life for the department will be exceeded and those funds will then be put back into the CIP for future vehicle purchases to maintain the vehicle fleet.

Are you ready? Yes, it's time to celebrate the City of Clear Lake Shores 60th Anniversary. The City is underway with selection of a 60th anniversary committee that is assisting in planning all of the activities throughout the year as the City was incorporated December 13, 1963.

Lastly, here are some extra things that we are working on:

- Submitted a list of possible enhancements to TxDOT at their request for adding lighting on FM2094, from Miller Ave. to Admiralty Way; sidewalks on both sides of FM2094 the same distance; a four-way turnout at Hanson and FM2094; maintenance on drainage structures along FM2094 and upgrade signaling technology at CLR/FM2094 intersection for detecting vehicle present.
- WCID#12 refurbishment of the water elevated storage and painted.
- Shell Bottom Park and boat ramp upgrade with Grant from TPWD.
- New Clear Water Express Wash car wash going in front of Target.
- COCO's on the Canal opening up where Havana Bay Cigar Bar was (624 Marina Bay Drive).

Also, if you are wondering about all of the work at our local Valero, they are adding Diesel pumps. Be sure to support this local business when you can as I am sure they have lost quite a bit of revenue from all of this construction.

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