



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

AUGUST 2020



CLS Citizens and Business Owners,

First, I want to take a moment to thank Ronnie Richards for his 12 years of unwavering service on the CLS Economic Development Corporation (EDC). CLS is such a better place to live and work because of his vision, service, and leadership over the past 12 years (Director 2007-2020, President 2010 – 2018, and Vice President 2019 – 2020).

I know Ronnie is coming back here in a new house that he and Nancy are going to build so we look for their return to the island. With his departure from the EDC, he leaves some big shoes to fill. After reviewing several very impressive EDC board applicants I announce that City Council has selected Councilwoman Amanda Fenwick to the EDC Board. As she has just a few more months left on her extended Council position due to the COVID-19 pandemic I believe she will bring a vast amount of experience with her from all the years she has served on the City Council to even advance us further in our City's Economic Development arena. Thanks, Amanda, for taking this on. I know our Citizens and Business owners look forward to continuing working with you in your new capacity.

Are we still in the COVID-19? Yes we are. Our county numbers have somewhat stabilized but unfortunately have not shown a great decrease that we are expecting. We must continue to really work hard on trying to slow this thing down and I urge you to continue to adhere to the CDC guidelines and maintain good hygiene and spacial distancing.

We are working hard on getting the new Dror Rd. right-of-way established which will allow Galveston County to start building the new Dror Rd. that will connect from Hanson Rd. from FM 2094 and head straight South and connect to FM 518 at the new four-way intersection that will connect to the new Bel Rd. that was just opened in Kemah that leads over to Hwy 146 across from Sonic and the Shell station. This provides us a new way to access Kemah and even has a traffic light at Hwy 146.

The other road project that is not part of the city but will impact us tremendously is the removal and replacement of the 2nd bridge on W 6th St. (Birch Rd.) as you cross over through Lazy Bend. This is a Galveston County project and in a few weeks this thoroughfare will be closed causing us to have to utilize alternate routes which will increase traffic significantly on Clear Lake Rd. Let us all have even more patience during this time and remember to exercise caution if you use the sidewalks to get to the other areas, we often travel to by golf cart. We are hoping that all of the kids will be able to return to school soon and this will definitely impact their routes.

I hope you have noticed the inspiring sayings on the city marquee. We have been working on these I think since the COVID-19 pandemic hit us back in March. I have heard from many of the residents stating on how much they like them so I started thinking how I could extend this to you, the residents, to help with this deed. I encourage each of you to send me one or two inspirational sayings that you feel would be good to put on the marquee. The selections will be random and of course will need to be in good taste. If 10% of you participate and send two sayings we could have enough to last over a year or more. All you need to do is email me at mayor@clearlakeshores-tx.gov. Let's do this!

May God bless CLS.
-Mayor Kurt