

A Letter from Mayor Jones

Fellow Citizens:

Good grief, what interesting times we live in! I could write a treatise on what has happened within our town over the last few weeks, but I will try to keep it to a few salient points.

First, let me reassure you your city hall is open and operational, and your municipal government continues to provide all essential services. Our police department is fully operational, and the city hall lobby is open, allowing you to make utility payments as you have in the past. However, we encourage you to use social distancing, or use the outdoor drop box. *(This is a perfect opportunity to sign up for free automatic pay, whether through your checking account or through a recurring credit card number.)*

The recent heavy rains have caused a myriad of problems, including a sinkhole on Kay Lane and a large sinkhole on the 13th fairway at the golf course. Our expert public works staff has repaired the Kay Lane sinkhole, but it was necessary to bring in an outside contractor for the golf course. This problem was unfortunately created by a poorly-designed and installed water line when the course was reconfigured years ago.

The rains also caused a Fort Worth city sewage system to back up and overflow into the waterfall at Airfield Falls. I have since learned this occurs occasionally during heavy rains. As soon as events normalize, we will be making formal request to the City of Fort Worth and state authorities to require Fort Worth to remove and relocate this overflow valve inside its own city limits.

The recent rains also caused a mud and drainage problem in the 5800 blocks. This is caused by a citywide poor drainage system, and was exacerbated by builders not following our ordinances on silt fencing, allowing mud to drain from the jobsites. As a result, through the fine work of Nader Jeri and Joey Alvarez, 13 stop work orders were issued to builders throughout the city. I am confident these builders now fully understand what we expect in terms of following our ordinances, being good neighbors, and protecting our existing homeowners.

As of now, we are moving ahead with our May 2nd municipal elections. This is an important election, as four of our five council positions are being decided, and three councilmembers not seeking reelection. City secretary Brandy Barrett has worked with the county elections office and we comply with the social distancing requirements. Hopefully those restrictions will be lifted well before then. If you are disabled or 65 or older, you can vote by mail, but the application for ballot by mail must be received by the county by April 20th. I have included an application for this voting option. In addition, we will make our community room a socially-distant compliant early voting location, which starts on April 20th. Of course, more news will be forthcoming on our municipal election.

In that vein, if the current “shelter-in-place” orders are extended beyond the current April 7th deadline, we may be forced to cancel the April 14th candidate introduction luncheon, and the CCPD and P&Z meetings scheduled that evening. If necessary, the city council meeting that evening will be held remotely, with only essential staff and me in the council chambers, and no in-person attendance. If that becomes necessary, we will provide instructions for citizen participation to the extent reasonably possible. We will keep you advised as circumstances change.

If the candidate introduction luncheon scheduled for April 14th is cancelled, we will ask the candidates to make individual video recordings, and we will make all the candidates' recordings available for your review on the city's website.

Please allow me to address the future of garbage collection in our town. This is in the very preliminary stages, it will be months before a decision is made, and there will be at least two public hearings, at which all citizens will be invited to state their preferences.

The city is contemplating *adding* alley collection; we are not contemplating elimination of street collection. Additionally, we are looking at *adding* larger recycle bins. Neither option is available with the current contractor. As I understand the discussions to this point, if we change companies, 1) citizens are not required to have a recycle bin, 2) citizens can choose either a 93-gallon or a 65-gallon trash bin (both on rollers), 3) citizens can choose either a 93-gallon or an 18-gallon recycle bin (similar to recycle bins currently in use), and 4) as currently available, elderly or disabled citizens can request to have the bins moved to and from the curb for their convenience.

Again, we are at very preliminary stages with these plans, and I assure everyone that all of you will have ample opportunity to provide the public safety committee and the city council with your input.

As I close, **I would be miserably remiss if I did not tell you how immensely proud I am of your city staff.** Under brutal circumstances -- *we are operating in a declared disaster, you know* -- and without a city administrator, they are working and operating at an incredibly high level. I am in city hall interacting with our staff daily, and I am in awe of their devotion to our citizens. We have an amazing municipal team here in Westworth Village!

Finally, on a personal note, I want you to know how much I deeply appreciate all your kind words and support. It has been a difficult time, but the city council and I are committed to doing our jobs, and performing at the level you should expect from us. With your support and confidence, and especially through the extraordinary efforts of our exemplary and dedicated city staff, I know we will get you through these difficult times.

As always, please call upon me if I can be of service to you.

Respectfully,



Mayor Kelly Jones

Helping Hands

To the Residents of Westworth Village:

We are working to create a volunteer civic organization to help our citizens—especially our senior citizens—who for physical or financial reasons cannot tend to their homes or yards as they may want to or were once were able.

This is a strictly nonprofit endeavor to provide our community a service we feel is needed in our little town. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our help, or who may be interested in volunteering or donating in ways other than work, we are interested in hearing from you.

This is an aspiring organization, so we welcome any questions, concerns, or suggestions. The best ways to contact us are:

Abraham Elizondo, 817-919-4258
aelizondo63@yahoo.com

Michael Dingman, 817-437-2601
michaeldingman177@gmail.com

911 Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety Communicators Week is **April 12th—18th**. We rely on their vigilance and preparedness 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure the safety and security of our community. We thank them for all that they do!

Drug Take Back Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 precautions currently in place throughout the country, the DEA has elected to cancel the National Drug Take Back event, which was scheduled for April 25, 2020.

Application for Ballot by Mail

Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas
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For Official Use Only
VUID #, County Election Precinct #,
Statement of Residence, etc.

1	Last Name (Please print information)	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc)	First Name	Middle Initial
2	Residence Address: See back of this application for instructions.	City _____, TX		ZIP Code _____
3	Mail my ballot to: If mailing address differs from residence address, please complete Box # 7.	City _____		State _____ ZIP Code _____

4	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) (Optional) [][]/[][]/[][][][]	Contact Information (Optional)* Phone: _____ and/or email address: _____	LANGUAGE PREFERENCE - Select type of ballot you wish to receive: (Preferencia de idioma-Seleccione el tipo de boleta que desea recibir:) (CHỌN NGÔN NGỮ - Chọn loại lá phiếu mà quý vị muốn nhận:) <input type="checkbox"/> English/Spanish (Inglés/Español) <input type="checkbox"/> English/Vietnamese (Tiếng Anh - Tiếng Việt)
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5	Reason for Voting by Mail: <input type="checkbox"/> 65 years of age or older. (Complete Box #6a) <input type="checkbox"/> Disability. (Complete Box #6a) <input type="checkbox"/> Expected absence from the county. (Complete Box #6b and Box #8) You will receive a ballot for the upcoming election <u>only</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Confinement in jail. (Complete Box #6b) You will receive a ballot for the upcoming election <u>only</u>	7	If you are requesting this ballot be mailed to a different address (other than residence), indicate where the ballot will be mailed. See reverse for instructions. <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address as listed on my voter registration certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home, assisted living facility, or long term care facility <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Center <input type="checkbox"/> Address of the jail <input type="checkbox"/> Relative; relationship _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Address outside the county (see Box #8)
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6a ONLY Voters 65 Years of Age or Older or Voters with a Disability:
If applying for one election, select appropriate box.
If applying once for elections in the calendar year, select "Annual Application."
 Annual Application

Uniform and Other Elections:	Primary Elections:
<input type="checkbox"/> May Election	You must declare <u>one</u> political party to vote in a primary:
<input type="checkbox"/> November Election	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Primary
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Primary
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Resulting Runoff	

8 If you selected "expected absence from the county," see reverse for instructions

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Date you can begin to receive mail at this address		Date of return to residence address

9 Voters may submit a completed, signed, and scanned application to the Early Voting Clerk at:
votebymail@tarrantcounty.com **817-850-2344**
(early voting clerk's e-mail address) (early voting clerk's fax)
NOTE: If you fax or e-mail this form, please be aware that you must also mail the form to the early voting clerk within four business days. See "Submitting Application" on the back of this form for additional information.

6b ONLY Voters Absent from County or Voters Confined in Jail:
You may only apply for a ballot by mail for one election, and any resulting runoff.
Please select the appropriate box.

Uniform and Other Elections:	Primary Elections:
<input type="checkbox"/> May Election	You must declare <u>one</u> political party to vote in a primary:
<input type="checkbox"/> November Election	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Primary
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Primary
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Resulting Runoff	

10 "I certify that the information given in this application is true, and I understand that giving false information in this application is a crime."

→ **X** _____ Date _____

SIGN HERE
If applicant is unable to sign or make a mark in the presence of a witness, the witness shall complete Box #11.

If someone helped you to complete this form or mails the form for you, then that person must complete the sections below.

11 See back for Witness and Assistant definitions.
If applicant is unable to mark Box #10 and you are acting as a **Witness** to that fact, please check this box and sign below.

If you assisted the applicant in completing this application in the applicant's presence or e-mailed/mailed or faxed the application on behalf of the applicant, please check this box as an **Assistant** and sign below.

*If you are acting as **Witness and Assistant**, please check both boxes. Failure to complete this information is a Class A misdemeanor if signature was witnessed or applicant was assisted in completing the application.

X _____ Signature of Witness /Assistant	X _____ Printed Name of Witness/Assistant
Street Address _____ Apt Number (if applicable) _____	City _____
State _____	ZIP Code _____

Witness' Relationship to Applicant
(Refer to Instructions on back for clarification)

Instructions for Application for Ballot by Mail

Residence Address - Give full address as shown on your voter registration certificate. If you have moved within the county but not yet changed your voter registration address with the voter registrar, indicate your new residence address.

Mail Ballot To - Give full address where you wish to have ballot mailed, if the address is different from your residence address.

Mailing Ballot to a Different Address - Your ballot must be mailed to your home where you live or to your mailing address on your voter registration certificate. There are some exceptions that allow you to have your ballot mailed to a different location as specified below.

Reason for voting by mail	Location to mail ballot
65 or disabled	Nursing home, assisted living/retirement center, relative, hospital
In jail	Address of jail or relative
Absent from county	Address located outside of county

Expected Absence from County - If you chose expected absence from county, you must expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the hours of early voting in person or for the remainder of the early voting period after you submit your application. **Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.** Important: Give date you can begin to receive mail at the address given.

Annual Application - If you are 65 years of age or older, or disabled you may apply to receive all ballots by mail for a calendar year. If you do not select any elections in Box 6a, your application will be considered an Annual Application. If you submit an annual application for a ballot by mail, your application may be forwarded to other entities holding elections where you are a qualified voter. This means that you may receive a ballot for those elections in addition to the ballot(s) you requested with this application.

Submitting Application

1. **Sign and date your application** - If unable to sign, please go to Witness/Address boxes (11 on reverse) and have a person witness your mark. Witness/Assistant instructions follow below.

2. **Deliver to Early Voting Clerk** - You may submit your application via these methods:

In Person: Only the applicant may submit their application in person to the Early Voting Clerk until the early voting period begins. However, after the early voting period begins for an election, the applicant may only submit their application via mail, common contract carrier, fax, or e-mail.

By Mail: You may mail your application via the U.S. Postal Service.

By Common Contract Carrier: You may submit via a common or contract carrier which is a bona fide, for profit carrier.

By Fax: You may fax your application to the Early Voting Clerk. Please contact your Early Voting Clerk or the Secretary of State's Office for fax numbers.

By E-Mail: You may e-mail a signed, scanned image of your application to the Early Voting Clerk. Please contact your Early Voting Clerk or the Secretary of State's Office for e-mail addresses.

IF YOU FAX OR E-MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO THE EARLY VOTING CLERK, YOU MUST ALSO MAIL THE APPLICATION SO THAT THE CLERK RECEIVES IT NO LATER THAN THE FOURTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DAY THE CLERK RECEIVED YOUR FAXED OR EMAILED APPLICATION. If you fax or e-mail your application by the deadline noted below, your application will be considered complete and timely as long as the original is received by the early voting clerk by the fourth business day after it was submitted by fax or e-mail.

Deadline

Your application must be received by the early voting clerk of the local entity conducting the election not later than the 11th day before election day. If the 11th day is a weekend or holiday the deadline is the first preceding business day. You may submit an application throughout the calendar year, beginning January 1. Please remember that the application must be received not later than the 11th day before the first election in which you seek to vote by mail.

If you submit an Annual Application for Ballot by Mail within 60 days before an election that takes place in the following calendar year, your application will be valid for any election that takes place in the following calendar year, regardless of the fact that your application was submitted prior to the end of the preceding calendar year. This applies to Annual Applications only and not to a regular application for ballot by mail.

Witness/Assistant Section

Witness: If you are unable to sign your name (due to a physical disability or illiteracy), the application may be signed at Box #11 for you by a Witness. You must affix your mark to the application in Box #10 or, if you are unable to make a mark, then the Witness must check the appropriate box in 11 indicating the inability to make a mark. The Witness must state his/her name in printed form and indicate his/her relationship to you or, if unrelated, state that fact. The Witness must sign and provide his or her printed name and residence address. Unless the Witness is a close relative of the voter (parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling), it is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to witness more than one application for ballot by mail.

Assistant: If a person (other than a close relative or person registered to vote at the same address) assists you in completing this application in your presence or mails/faxes/e-mails this application on your behalf, then that person must complete Box #11. The Assistant must sign, provide his or her printed name, and his or her residence address. A person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person provides assistance without providing the information described above unless a close relative or registered at your address.

If you have further questions or need additional assistance, please contact Tarrant County Elections office at (817) 831-8683 or visit our website at www.tarrantcounty.com.

FROM: _____

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