

May 2020

A Letter from Mayor Jones

We have now experienced more than one full calendar month of “shelter-in-place.” As it begins to ease under Governor Abbott’s order, I thought it appropriate to deliver an update on the operations of your city government.

First, I continue to be highly impressed with the superior quality of service delivered by your city employees, despite the obvious challenges of performing in the face of a declared disaster, and without the leadership of a city administrator.

This is the time we should be welcoming three new councilmembers to replace our three incumbents who are not seeking reelection. Unfortunately, we had no alternative but to cancel our May election. Texas law only allows two lawful election dates; unless Governor Abbott grants special permission to conduct our municipal election in July (as a large number of municipalities including Westworth Village have requested), our May municipal election will not be held until the November general election.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc with our committee and council meetings. As of writing this update, it is undetermined whether our meeting on May 12th must again be conducted by remote video conference, or whether it can be conducted live in council chambers under “social distancing” directives. I am anxious to return to normal activity, as we have important topics waiting to be thoroughly discussed by our various committees.

Unfortunately, the remaining shelter-in-place requirements will also require us to cancel our May community luncheon; we are making tentative plans for another community picnic during the month of June.

After we were forced to cancel our annual spring cleanup, we have arranged for the heavy duty “claw truck” to collect in Westworth Village on Saturday, May 23rd. This is your opportunity to dispense with big and heavy items, tree limbs, etc. More information will be provided as the day approaches.

Hawks Creek Golf Club has been open and operational, although previously on a limited, walker-only basis. Single-person carts are now available. I salute head professional Mike Krsnak and his staff for successfully operating the golf course under such difficult conditions.

At our April meeting, the city council retained a respected executive search firm to assist the city in finding our new city administrator. The process has begun, and I am hopeful we will have our new administrator in city hall by Labor Day.

Our public works team, lead by the extremely competent Joey Alvarez, has not missed a beat during this disaster. Special appreciation goes out to Joey and his team during National Public Works Recognition Week, May 17th-23rd.

Finally, we are beginning to gear up our annual budgeting process, and this undoubtedly will be a difficult budget process. Approximately 65 % of the city’s revenue comes from sales tax, and the Covid-19 disaster will undoubtedly have a downward impact on that revenue source. As we plan, we will obtain the best information we can, not only from the comptroller’s office, but also from some of the retailers themselves; however, this is shaping up to be one of those fiscal years when difficult decisions must be made.

When you run for public office, you don’t get to choose the unknown challenges you must face. I have every confidence your city council, committees, and staff will successfully address today’s unique challenges.



Mayor Kelly Jones

Trash Pick-Up

Due to the cancellation of the Spring Clean-Up event, the City has scheduled a claw truck for a one-time curbside pick-up service. The scheduled pick-up day is **Saturday, May 23rd**.

- Acceptable items include bulk trash and brush.
- Please place brush and bulk items in separate piles.
- Beginning May 15th, you may place items on the curb at the front of the house—*no alley pick-ups*
- **Please note:** The claw truck will be unable to pick up items if a car is parked in front of the pile.
- They will not pick up paints, tires, oil, insecticides, items that are harmful to the environment, refrigerators, air conditioners, any Freon bearing items, batteries, or other hazardous material.



High Grass Season

The City would like to remind our citizens to maintain their yards and alleyways in compliance with City Ordinance. Please do not allow grass or weeds to exceed ten inches (10") in height. Property owners and tenants are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed to the edge of the streets and alleyways trimmed. Those in violation are subject to citation and/or having their property mowed by a City-hired contractor, which the lot owner will be billed for including an administrative fee. If the bill is not paid, interest-bearing liens will be placed on the property.

Being proactive helps continue our effort to keep our city beautiful and clean.

If you have questions regarding this or the Code of Ordinances, contact the City at 817-710-2526.



May Recognition Events

National Public Works Week

This year, **May 17th—23rd** will mark the 60th annual National Public Works Week

Please take a moment to show your appreciation for the outstanding Public Works Team we have servicing the citizen of Westworth Village. This crew is responsible for the upkeep of the city's infrastructure, facilities, and water system. Thank you, Public Works, for all you do!



National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and Police Week

National Police Officers' Memorial Day is **May 15th**, and the week in which it falls, which will be **May 10-16th**, is National Police Week honoring those who through their courageous deeds, have either lost their lives or have become disabled in the line of duty. We remember and commemorate all police officers for their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, dedicated service to their communities, and their help to preserve the rights and security of all citizens. We would like to recognize our Westworth Village officers for their vigilance in protecting our community!



National Military Appreciation Month

May is officially recognized as National Military Appreciation Month. Not only do we observe Memorial Day, **May 25th**, but we recognize and honor the sacrifice and service of all military members, past and present, throughout the month.

Please join us in honoring our military, especially within our NASJRB community!

