

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
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PANDEMIC NOT OVER

The Delta variant is highly contagious and is infecting primarily younger unvaccinated people in our community. The seven-day rolling average of cases stands at 1,291. There are 976 people in area hospitals, 262 patients in ICU and 149 on ventilators. The positivity rate (the percentage of tested COVID cases which are positive) **rose** from 17% on July 23rd to 19.9% on July 30th. *On May 10th the positivity rate was 1.7%.* Due to this surge, elective surgeries have been put on hold.

Metropolitan Health District continues to urge people who are unvaccinated to get two doses of the vaccine and people who have received only one dose to get the second, to not only protect you, but to stop the spread of the virus. Please confer with your primary care physician if you have questions about the vaccine to get the facts and science behind the vaccines. In Bexar County the percentage of *fully* vaccinated people 12 years + is 63.9% and 18 years+ is 66.8%.

Other tools besides vaccinations to help slow down the spread of this virus is to wear a mask, social distance and wash hands. Please consider doing these prudent measures to help get this virus back under control. With schools starting

next week and into August, Dr. Junda Woo of the Metropolitan Health District is encouraging teachers, students, and all support staff to mask up, especially because there is no vaccine available for children 11 and younger. Masks in Texas public schools cannot be mandated, but let's continue to do our part voluntarily to keep our community safe and healthy.

GRAND OPENING: CHA CHA'S NEXT GEN CAFÉ

On Monday, August 16th at 10:00 a.m. Next Gen Café will open in the former Leon Valley Café spot at 6417 Evers Road. The days and hours the restaurant will be open is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 8:30 pm and closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. The menu is primarily Mexican food, but with vegan options. There is a coffee and smoothie bar as you come into the restaurant to the right. The Chef and owner of the Café is Bania Ruiz Artiaga, who studied at the Corden Bleu School in Austin. Bania has many years of experience working in the family restaurant business, Cha Cha's, which at one time had locations in Leon Valley, San Antonio and Helotes. A big welcome to Cha Cha's Next Gen Café!

AUGUST 3RD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Brief highlights from this meeting are:

- Sales Tax receipts are 11.98% higher than last year at this time;
- 4th of July Event wrap up: Estimated 5,000- 7,000 attendance at the fireworks, event was within the \$50,000 budget, no issues with crowd control and participants cleaned up after themselves! Council consensus was to hire the band Spazmatics for next years event;
- The Soap Box Derby will be held in March or April, 2022;
- Gave direction to Staff to research an amendment to setbacks for carports in residential zoning districts;
- Amended the Ordinance for rear and side yard setbacks to primarily assist properties with existing non-conforming accessory buildings to come into compliance with the City's Zoning Code;
- Approved an Ordinance requesting a Zone Change from B-3 Commercial District with SO (Sustainability Overlay District) to B-3 Commercial with No Overlay Zoning on 4 acres located at Poss and Grissom roads from Hank Daughtry for storage units with retail frontage, by a vote of 3-2; and
- Gave direction to City Manager Perales to try and resolve the lawsuit between Gail and Bob Tribble v. Leon Valley Board of Adjustment.

The next council meeting will be August 17th at 5:30 p.m. in which the annual Crime Prevention Control Board meeting and second read of the FY 2022 Budget will be conducted.

Please enjoy your weekend and do not hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Chris
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