

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
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TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

This week Councilmembers Benny Martinez, Rey Orozco, Josh Stevens and I, along with City Manager Perales attended the annual conference for Texas municipalities in Houston. It has been a very informative conference which included seminar topics addressing spending coronavirus funding funds (American Rescue Plan), communications in time of a disaster, policing, and broadband in Texas. Due to this conference, this week's city council meeting was cancelled. Our apologies to everyone who held a National Night Out event on Tuesday of this week for council not being able to participate due to the conference. We hope the police and fire departments were able to come by and thank you for participating. This is a very important event each year so you can meet your neighbors and connect with city staff (and usually council members), all helping to build community.

COVID NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GO DOWN

On Tuesday, Metro Health reported the positivity rate, which rose the week before from 4.9% to 5.0% was down to 3.9%. The good news is our risk level is now down to MILD from SEVERE, which we have not seen since June 2021. Metro Health sent a report to me on the number of COVID cases in Leon Valley since the start of the pandemic through August 31st: 1,485 cases with a 97.8% recovery rate. Unfortunately, we have had 21 citizens in

our city die as a result of COVID. Our deepest sympathies to these families. Please continue to remain vigilant and follow the COVID-19 protocols by wearing a mask, social distancing and practicing good hygiene.

Consult with your physician on receiving the vaccine. 80% of the 533 patients in area hospitals are unvaccinated and there are 20 patients who are children.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- **Tuesday, October 12th** – Joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Discussion on alignment regarding application of Sustainability Overlay requirements and proposed amendments to sustainability overlay will be addressed. This meeting will be streamed live on the city's website.
- **Tuesday, October 19th** – Regular City Council meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. It will likely be a full agenda since we did not have a council meeting on October 5th.
- **Saturday, October 23rd** – Coffee with the Mayor & Council from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Conference Center. The agenda includes Citizens to Be Heard, Presentations on Stormwater and a status report on the Capital Facilities Committee.

Continue enjoying this perfect weather. If you have any issue that needs addressing, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your council members. Thank you and keep healthy and safe.

Sincerely, Chris
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