

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY

10/22/2021

REMAINING OCTOBER EVENTS – PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

EARLY VOTING for Texas Constitutional Amendments at the Leon Valley Conference Center: October 22nd until 6 pm; October 23rd 10 am to 6 pm; October 24th – noon to 6 pm; October 25 – 27th 8 am to 6 pm and October 28th and 29th – 8 am to 8 pm. – 29, 2021.

Election Day is November 2nd from 7 am to 7 pm at the Conference Center. Visit the San Antonio League of Women Voters website for more information on the constitutional amendments.

Saturday, October 23, 2021 - COFFEE WITH MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Time: 9 – 11 am at the Conference Center. Besides hearing from our citizens on any topic (no action can be taken), there will be two presentations by Public Works Director Melinda Moritz on Stormwater and the Capital Facilities Projects Update. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 30th – Halloween Party at Library (10 am – Noon), Arbor Day Tree Adoption (9am), Trash To Treasure (9am to 2 pm sponsored by Northwest Seniors), Bark-Tober Fest Pet Costume Party (11 am to 5 pm), City Wide Garage Sale – 7am to 6 pm (49 registered participants as of 10/19) and Free Pfizer COVID-19 and Flu shots 65+ (9am). Please see ENEWS or city website for details. Events will be held in the Community/Conference Center area next to the library.

Sunday, October 31st – Halloween in Leon Valley: Metro Health has posted the following safe Trick-or-Treating Tips for Kids and Parents:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid going inside other people's homes.
- Since traditional Halloween masks do not offer adequate protection against COVID 19, please wear a cloth or surgical mask with your costume.
- Limit the size of your group to those within your household.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Only enjoy pre-packaged treats.
- Wash your hands when your return home if your go trick-or-treating.

Have fun and please stay safe!

OCTOBER 19TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Brief highlights of the City Council action from this meeting are:

- Rezoning Request (First Reading) from R-1 and B-2 to B-2 District with no Sustainability Overlay (SO) from St. John's Church at Huebner & Evers Road. In the middle of the discussion, the Church amended their request to add 500 feet to the existing B-2 on the front of the property, keep the remaining land as R-1 and withdraw the request to remove the SO. A ruling by the City Attorney is pending to determine if the amended request will need to be referred back to the Planning & Zoning Commission with additional public notice due to the requested amendment. As of 10/22/2021, a ruling had not been made.
- Council voted to establish a dog park on land the City owns along Salazar Road across from the NW Little League. Councilor Stevens communicated with Google Fiber in seeking their monetary support for the dog park as it relates to Google Fiber leasing property on the dog park property to build their "hut". This leasing issue and funding source from Google will be brought back at a future meeting.
- Council heard the request from City Manager Perales to authorize additional spending of \$316,000 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for the following: A one-time bonus (\$150,000) to our dedicated essential employees for their work during COVID; set aside \$50,000 for citizen utility assistance arising from COVID; \$10,000 reimbursement for air conditioning repair in the police department; \$41,000 to upgrade the council chamber audio visual equipment; \$40,000 to purchase new agenda software (Municode) focused on website update and processing Freedom of Information Act requests; and \$25,000 reimbursement for library AC repairs. The ARP fund balance after these expenditures will be \$857,206.95. This will be voted on at the November 2nd meeting.

“TWO DOSES OF VACCINE & ONE DOSE OF HUMILITY”

The quoted words were from Dr. Anita Kurian’s message to the Suburban Mayors this week at our quarterly meeting with Judge Nelson Wolff. Although the COVID-19 numbers are the best we have seen in months – daily hospitalizations under 300, positivity rate fell from 3% to 2.1% - she emphasized that this virus is very unpredictable and is not over until we get a higher percentage of people vaccinated. Currently in Bexar County, the total population which is fully vaccinated stands at 63.1%. The percentage of the population which needs to be fully vaccinated to develop “herd immunity” is between 75-90%, so we still have a challenge facing our community. There are 90,000 20 year- olds who are eligible to be vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated and are under 65 and would like to receive the booster, Bill Phillips from University Hospital reports that anyone 18 years or older can receive the Pfizer booster after proving 6 months have lapsed since your second dose. Vaccinations are readily available.

If you are homebound and would like the vaccine, call 844-908-3927, Option 1 to request a state mobile vaccination team to come to your house. Choose Option 3 if you have a business or group consisting of 5 or more

who wants to receive the vaccination and the mobile unit will schedule a visit.

It is anticipated beginning on November 3rd, children ages 5-11 will be able to register through University Hospital to receive a vaccination which will be administered at Wonderland Mall. Hours are 10am – 6 pm, Monday-Friday. Consent by their parent or guardian is needed. Call (210) 358-4000 for more information.

Our community has had three waves of COVID-19 increases in cases and deaths since March, 2020: May- August, 2020, November, 2020 to March, 2021 and July, 2021 – September, 2021. Let's continue doing our part to bring and keep the COVID numbers down. CDC and Metro Health both report a possible 4th wave may be coming this winter, so let's stay vigilant.

Have a great weekend. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your council members if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely, Chris
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