

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY

04/08/2022

DID YOU KNOW.....

***LEON VALLEY'S 12TH ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING** was held on March 26th at the Community Center. There were 43 citizens in person and 13 citizens who were on line throughout the entire meeting which ran 3 ½ hours. To view the meeting and view the results from Mentimeter go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/lvtownhall2022/home>. Thank you to everyone who participated. I greatly appreciated the respectful participation by everyone throughout the meeting. Thanks to our 5 councilmen who either presented or facilitated discussion on the 8 topics listed, and last (but not least) to our dedicated staff who helped with all the logistics and process throughout the meeting.

***CAPITAL FACILITIES SURVEY** – was mailed out to every citizen in Leon Valley and is due back to city hall by April 15th (postmarked). We need to hear from you on what facilities you would like updated to ADA standards, including one or two pools. Also, do you support a bond to fund any of these projects. Thanks – your voice will count and be heard!

***SPEEDING in our neighborhoods** – Please be aware the speed limit in Leon Valley neighborhoods is 30 mph. Adding speed humps along your street is a long and arduous process and does not always achieve the goal of slowing down cars. For more information on our speed hump policy email me.

***HERO PROGRAM** – This is a program funded by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to assist anyone in the county who is stranded (flat tire, ran out of gas, etc) along a major freeway (1604, 410, 281, 10). Hours of service: Mon- Friday 5 am – 9 pm. There is no charge for this service. Call (210) 732-4376. The Hero program is based in the Trans Guide building at IH 10 & 410 which monitors these freeways for anyone who needs assistance.

***WATER AEROBICS** – A tentative plan for a water aerobics class is being developed by staff with citizen input. A teacher has been identified who will charge \$4 per person per 1 hour class. The class will meet at the Forest Oaks pool on Tuesday/Thursday from 9 – 10 am. If you are interested in learning more, please call me to discuss. It is estimated the class will begin the first week of June, 2022.

VIVA FIESTA – The City of Leon Valley is celebrating its 70th Anniversary as a City (March 31, 1952). We have limited number of Fiesta medals which reflect this birthday celebration. Please call if you would like one, while supply lasts.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST..... Since my last letter on March 18th the positivity rate for COVID was 2.3%. As of April 1, the positivity rate for COVID is at 1.2%, the lowest since January when the positivity rate was at 39.4%. The next COVID variant BA.2 is raging in England and it may be a matter of time before it hits the U.S. Stay tuned.

APRIL 5th CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Brief highlights of the City Council action from April 5th:

- A presentation by Dr. Akshay Thusu, a Leon Valley resident and dentist who is a proponent of **adding fluoride to the Leon Valley water supply**, primarily because of its efficacy of preventing cavities. For the 1/3 of Leon Valley citizens who receive their water from SAWS, fluoride has been added to their water since 2002 following a public vote in favor. Start up costs to add fluoride to the Leon Valley water supply is estimated at \$358,000 for the first year and \$51,000 thereafter. No action was taken by council, but please let the council know what you think about this issue.
- Mr. Samir Chehade, a developer from Canada, presented his ideas on how he wishes to **develop the “triangle property” at Evers and Seneca**. Currently the vacant property has three zoning designations – retail, small business and multi-family. He is interested in seeking a zone change to allow the entire property to be developed multi-family (apartments) and to remove the Sustainability Overlay requirements. The city council asked him

to bring back a project to be considered through the planning and zoning commission.

- Council reviewed a recommendation from the Economic/Community Development committee to approve **funding of up to \$10,000 each for two separate business recruitment incentives at 7007 Bandera Road.** One business is *Esta Noche Dance Company* which teaches salsa and latin dancing. They offer free classes every 1st Sunday from 4-7 pm and are open 7 days a week. The second business is Reison Gracie Jiu Jitsu Academy, which is a form of martial arts which manipulates the opponent's force against themselves rather than confronting it with one's own force. This business is opened 7 days a week and is appropriate for anyone 3 years and up.
- **Held 5 Public Hearings (First Reading – no vote)** on 1)Amending the Zoning permitted use tables to allow certain B-3 Commercial uses in the Sustainability Overlay districts; 2)Construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit in Canterfield subdivision; 3)Consider granting a SUP (special use permit) to Cha Cha's,(next to the library on Evers Road) to sell alcohol;4) Consider approving a request to rezone a business on Grissom Road from B-3 Commercial with Sustainability Overlay to B-3 Commercial/Industrial Overlay and 5) to consider granting an SUP for an Escape Room business which will be located next to Peter Piper Pizza. The 1, 3 and 4 items above will be discussed for a second time before council votes.

The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th beginning at 5:30 pm. A preliminary capital budget for FY 2023 will be presented by Dr. Caldera, which will include a discussion of how to allocate money from the American Rescue Plan (federal dollars).

Happy Fiesta, Happy Easter and Passover to all of our citizens and businesses in Leon Valley. Please stay safe and have fun with family and friends!

Please contact me or any of your council members if you have a question or concern. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely, Chris
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