



A MESSAGE FROM

OUR MAYOR

FEBRUARY 2022

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,

It's 2022 folks, can you believe it? What a year 2021 was and I'm ready for 2022 to be even better. Hopefully most of you were able to enjoy the holidays with your families and friends even though COVID was still with us.

So, I thought last year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was a spectacular show, but I think CLS stepped it up another notch this year and it was even better. The whole tree lighting was great with Santa visiting us and flipping the light switch on to illuminate the tree that was decorated by the Pool and Parks committee. Then we had just a little more fireworks, just a little than last year. Fireworks were graciously donated by PD Asst. Chief Donaldson and Lieutenant Gist, thank you!

Although it was a little on the warm side for the weather, it looks like everyone got to enjoy some hot cocoa donated by our neighborhood friends Soulfreak, snacks donated by CLS Civic Club & Soulfreak, and some great holiday items for the kids provided by the City. I think the adults used them more than the kiddos did! We even had some Christmas caroling to go with along with the activities which was led by Pastor Ben Donnelly of Citymark Church. Oh, and a big shout out for how awesome our very own PW did with Jorge and Odie on all of the decorations throughout the city. I can't wait to do it again this year and see the tree lighting celebration as this event continues to grow.

Daniel Dror Avenue road construction is finally underway and one side of the road has already been poured with concrete at the time of writing this. This new road basically straightens Hanson Road connecting straight to FM 518 with a four-way intersection. This will ease traffic from the South from Hwy 96 through FM 518 and FM 2094 and open the doors to our local retail like Home Depot, Target, and Specs!

Construction of the new Galveston Bay Beer Company, which is being placed in the old Strawberry Fields daycare building on FM 2094, is moving right along. The EDC continues to spearhead this project and I thank them for all they have done for bringing this to a reality. The City and EDC have also been looking at the current parking situation in the Town Center and will be making recommendations for additional capacity to accommodate this additional growth.

One of these already exists with the creation of the Town Center Shared Parking Plan. This plan is controlled by the City with a memorandum of understanding agreed upon by all of the Town Center businesses to establish a neutral parking philosophy which allows patrons to park without being concerned with towing unless clearly indicated as such like the two shops west of Soulfreak on Aspen. The EDC is also considering upgrading the two city parking lots to either asphalt or concrete. More to come on that.



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In December, the City Council voted unanimously for the purchase of five new police vehicles to replenish our fleet as our current fleet has aged greatly and one was lost in a recent accident.

CLSPD did an intensive comparison with options to purchase versus a fleet lease agreement. After all the dust settled, it was found to be better to purchase these vehicles outright due to the great planning of our prior city council in 2015 to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which made the necessary funds with additional councils to fund possible.

These new cars will be 2022 Ford Explorers with a base color of white. New CLS Police graphics have been approved by city council so expect these to be on the street soon keeping our city safe while providing safe and dependable equipment for our officers. The previous vehicles in use that have reached their service life for the department will be excessed and those funds will then be put back into the CIP for future vehicle purchases to maintain the vehicle fleet.

Are you ready? Yes, it's time to celebrate the City of Clear Lake Shores 60th Anniversary. The City is underway with selection of a 60th anniversary committee that is assisting in planning all of the activities throughout the year as the City was incorporated December 13, 1963.

Lastly, here are some extra things that we are working on:

- Submitted a list of possible enhancements to TxDOT at their request for adding lighting on FM2094, from Miller Ave. To Admiralty Way; sidewalks on both sides of FM2094 the same distance; a four-way turnout at Hanson and FM2094; maintenance on drainage structures along FM2094 and upgrade signaling technology at CLR/FM2094 intersection for detecting vehicle present.
- WCID# 12 refurbishment of the water elevated storage and painted.
- Shell Bottom Park and boat ramp upgrade with Grant from TPWD.
- New Clear Water Express Wash car wash going in front of Target.
- COCO's on the Canal opening up where Havana Bay Cigar Bar was (624 Marina Bay Drive).

Also, if you are wondering about all of the work at our local Valero, they are adding Diesel pumps. Be sure to support this local business when you can as I am sure they have lost quite a bit of revenue from all of this construction.

May God Bless CLS,

Mayor Kurt

Where every sunset is celebrated,
and we look forward to every sunrise! Island Life & Golf Cart Rides