



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

APRIL 30, 2020



Tomorrow, businesses will start to reopen and we will begin to get back to our new normal.

As I put out earlier, it was so great to see the CLS Economic Development Corporation (EDC) help our local businesses by offering an Emergency Business Retention Program to our struggling businesses and I still want to reach out to each Citizen that if you need ANYTHING at all to please contact me. We are here to take care of each other. If you don't feel comfortable with anyone knowing you need help...I can ensure your anonymity. We have so many people in our community wanting to help, it's just not like past events that we can go help tear out someone's sheet rock or haul away furniture, but we can mow a yard, bring food or help raise/provide funds if you have lost your income.

I want to thank everyone in our community for your efforts to minimize contact with others. We are a community of gatherings, so I know this has been hard, but I also know it has been for the best. I want to illustrate something that I hope will help with the understanding of the minimized and/or no gatherings. When you just gather with 6 people, and those people have come in recent contact with a minimum of 7 other people whether at grocery store or at other friends house you have now exposed yourself to at least 42 people at the one gathering of 6 people. So, it is not just about those standing around you it is about who those around you have also encountered. We are learning the new "normal" and some of it we will probably carry with us and some we hope we will never have to endure again.



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We have no idea what the economy is going to do and how it will affect the City of Clear Lake Shores revenue, so as Mayor I have instilled a temporary memo to ensure any spending that is requested By the City to be extra scrutinized for its validity. We just need to get through the next few months to ensure that we come out of this fiscally stable.

I want to personally thank anyone in Clear Lake Shores who were essential workers (i.e. medical field, Doctors, Grocery Store workers and etc.) and went to work every day and had to come in contact with hundreds of people a day while we were all staying isolated at home during these past several weeks. We all owe each of you the utmost gratitude.

I would also like to thank the Civic Club for hosting the Easter Bunny and safely distributing Easter goodies to the kids, Marlina Hoggitt with Card My Yard for the City Hall decorations and the other additional Easter decorations going off of the Island and the many houses as well on Easter Sunday.

CLS is not new to dealing with difficult things from the past and getting through this will be no exception...we will get through it and we will be stronger on the other side.

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

-Mayor Kurt

