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With the continuing development of the COVID-19 pandemic and the knowledge that is being gained daily about the virus, a couple of upcoming events have made announcements today. The Bluebonnet Parade has been postponed and Night in Ol' La Vernia had been rescheduled to June 27th! I applaud the leadership of the La Vernia Lions Club and the La Vernia Education Foundation for taking a proactive role in this decision thereby putting our Community's health concerns first!

As mentioned more is being learned about the virus, and thanks to County Judge Jackson and Leann Hosek with the Wilson County Emergency Management Office and her team for putting together operational meetings to allow all of our Wilson County Cities and ISD's to offer input as well a gain knowledge about the virus, and its effects to all of us in Wilson and surrounding Counties. As of this release, there are no cases of COVID-19 in Wilson County, and the biggest concern is the spread amongst each other (Community Spread) so I ask that you not participate nor encourage large group gatherings for the next 2 Week period. President Trump asked for this period yesterday to hopefully reduce the curve of the number of those infected.

Effective yesterday, the City Park Bathrooms and the Splash Pad were closed and will be reevaluated on April 2nd. City Hall and all departments are and will remain open for normal operation. I do encourage utilizing the City portal for paying City Water Bills and Court related items. All City services will continue uninterrupted, so there should be no concerns regarding services offered by the City as well as Police, Fire and EMS services!

Most if not all of our local restaurants are offering some type of drive thru service, and I encourage everyone to support our local restaurants and businesses during this trying time. Folks, everyone can help rid ourselves of this pandemic by doing their part, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is one of the best sources for updates and general health practices and their website, which is www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/. We will post additional information on the City's website www.lavernia-tx.gov and on our City's Facebook Page as it becomes available! As we move forward, and for the betterment of our friends, family and neighbors, please share facts, not rumors and exercise calm during the next two weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at City Hall!!

Thank you La Vernia!

Robert Gregory

Mayor