



FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK

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Hey there Orchard! As promised, I'm here to share what's currently going on behind the scenes at City Hall. First, let's talk about mosquitoes. The city does not spray for mosquitos. This responsibility has always fallen under Fort Bend County. They have a "mosquito trap" on Kansas street that they check weekly, and until it meets their threshold, whether that's by disease or by mosquito count, they will not spray. This is sited from the county website: "Fort Bend County does not perform spraying on request or on a set schedule." Regardless, Dani has still reached out numerous times, but they have not responded.

*Friendly reminder - Please keep your dogs' secure and don't let them roam around town. I know we have a plague of stray dogs being dumped, but there have been complaints of neighbors' dogs on the loose. This isn't the wild west guys! Keep them contained.

Since October 2024, Council members and our City Secretary have resumed working with Fort Bend County Community Development on two grants. One grant will provide new booster pumps and chlorine gas injectors (with a building) for our water plant. The other grant is for our sewer plant system and includes a chemical storage building, generator, sludge holding tank, and blower. There is a lot more that's included but I won't bore you with the finer details. I know this may not sound very exciting, but we needed these things and we needed modern updates to our systems. Just know that behind the scenes, Orchard is being taken care of when you don't even realize it. But with two grants that are worth over a million dollars that were given to us, I think it's important that you know how special this is. So much paperwork and so many years go into these grants, and Dani has put an astounding number of hours into this. It simply would not have happened without her. We hope that this work will happen very soon and are anxious to see the results!

I need Orchard's help with a big decision that's come up. Frontier, an internet company, has asked if they can come and put down lines in Orchard. Yes, this will include boring to be able to lay these lines down along people's yards. I'd like to get the residents' thoughts to see if this is something y'all would want. Do you want another internet provider to choose from? Is this something you think citizens would benefit from? Are you completely and utterly against it? Would you like us to have a public forum so the public can show up and ask Frontier more questions? Please (PLEASE!) email me or Dani with your thoughts and opinions on this matter. It's hard to make decisions for the public without hearing the public's voice, so I'm handing y'all a metaphoric microphone right now. Our emails are secretary@cityoforchardtx.gov and mayor@cityoforchardtx.gov – we'd love to hear from you.

I'm sure most of you have seen the old post office has made its way back to town. Although not in the original spot, she's back home safe and sound. The Economic Development Committee has agreed to take on this project, and we have full faith in them and their dedication to the restoration. Right now, they are gathering quotes and punching numbers and will soon hire someone to start the process of bringing such an important building back to life. I really would like this building to be designated as a historical marker with the Texas Historical Commission. If anyone has any experience in this process, please contact me soon. I know the restoration process has a lot to do with having an application approved or denied.

We are going to be looking for a part-time assistant at City Hall soon. Office experience will be required (at least 2 years), and previous city experience is preferred but not required. If this is something you are interested in, please email in your resume at secretary@cityoforchardtx.gov.

Lastly, I just want to speak from my heart about something that has bothered me for a couple years now. If you have a question or complaint, call or email City Hall, a commissioner, or me. The information you get from us will be accurate, and you can work with us on a solution if you need one. The number of times I cringe at posts or comments online that are just plain wrong and inaccurate... well, it's downright upsetting. It takes one call or email to check a fact before spreading misinformation. In fact, I've seen posts that could be discredited just by looking at the homepage of the city website. More times than not, I watch the comments spread and turn into dumpster fires of incorrect information and rage. Inaccuracy, misunderstandings and misplaced anger on Facebook creates division, animosity and distrust when I'm actively working to bring our community back together. Contact us first y'all. Get some real information and then you can go and post to your heart's desire. That's why we are here – we are public servants and we are here to help you.

When I first came up with this idea of a newsletter, I swore I would keep it to one page each month. Now look at me, it's month two and I'm already having to cut myself off before I start page three. We do have some exciting things on the horizon (Starting to look into North Missouri street repair!), and I can't wait to share them with you all soon.

But until then, be kind to one another. Start waving at those strangers you see walking the block every evening, they'll eventually start waving back. Take time one day to meet your neighbors you've never spoken to in all these years, they're probably great people. Maybe go visit one of our churches in town on a Sunday morning, I can promise you they'll meet you at the door with open arms and big smiles. But please, above all else, be kind.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Supel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".