

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager  
Date: February 26, 2021  
Subject: Weekly Memo, February 22-26, 2021



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### **USDA Emergency Food Boxes**

The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry, in collaboration with the Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team and Ascension Catholic Church, is planning a food distribution next Tuesday afternoon, March 2nd, to distribute 375 USDA emergency food boxes to county residents. The pantry is planning to have about twenty-six volunteers to help with traffic flow, intake registration, and loading vehicles with the food boxes. A map is attached.

### **February 26 B.E.S.T. Monthly Breakfast Meeting**

This month's meeting was hosted by Bastrop County and held at Southside Barbeque. County Judge Pape had asked each community to be prepared to provide a summary of their response to the ice storm. Mayor Schroeder did a terrific job of describing Bastrop's response and communication efforts. It was good to listen to stories from the other communities, school, and Bastrop County. Their reports served as confirmation of the good work that takes place in all cities during emergencies, and the importance of communication. No city's experience is just like that of another city, no city anticipated every potential outcome, and we can all learn from each other. State Representative John Cyrier was in attendance and thanked the communities for their excellent work.

### **Video documentation of Bastrop Ice Storm response**

I mentioned during the February 23 Council meeting that we had video-recorded interviews with several (actually 24) city employees, and Mayor Schroeder, about their ice storm experiences and reflections. Those videos have become a "documentary" that is available on the website and will be rebroadcast on our municipal cable channel. We've also created a short "trailer" that we will be pushing on social media that will point people to the website and the municipal channel.

I mentioned the video to Council Member Ennis earlier today and he suggested we share the video with the Museum, which is a wonderful idea. It is important we create a record of the city's response to this storm event.

The trailer can be accessed by clicking on the link:

<https://youtu.be/9cXuGKoHDSE>

The documentary can be accessed by clicking on the link:

[https://www.cityofbastrop.org/page/winterweather2021\\_recap](https://www.cityofbastrop.org/page/winterweather2021_recap)

## **March 5 City Department Director Planning Session**

The City's leadership team will be in an all-day planning session on Friday March 5. We will be de-briefing on the ice storm response and preparing for the March 14 pre-budget planning session with the City Council.

## **Wastewater Plant Groundbreaking**

Please mark your calendars for a groundbreaking event for the new wastewater treatment plant to be held on Friday March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

## **Future Agenda Items**

March 9, 2021

- Discussion and possible action on future direction of Recreation Programming
- Reappointment of Presiding Judge
- Selection of Construction Manager at Risk for Water Plant Project
- Creation of PID for DR Horton Homes development
- Receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for FY 20
- Consider Resolution approving Master Services Agreement with Aqua Metrics
- Consider Resolution approving a joint agreement between the City of Bastrop, BISD, Eglin MUD 1 and 2, for the May 1, 2021 election.

March 23, 2021

- Approval of River Loop project
- Presentation of Compensation Study
- Contract for year 3 of the street maintenance project
- Consider Resolution to approve Professional Service Agreement with ASAS, LLC

April 13, 2021

- Historic Landmark designation of structure known as the Mason Chalmers Fireplace
- Receive quarterly reports from Community Assets

## **Attachments**

- City Manager memo to employees
- TML Legislative Update Number 7
- Quarterly Investment Report
- USDA Food Box Distribution Map