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From the Desk of Mayor Nancy Bauder

Hello Leavenworth Citizens,

With our commissioners, City Manager Paul Kramer, and staff, we work continually to ensure Leavenworth is a great place to live, work and grow a family. Even though the past year has been rough, the City of Leavenworth has received stimulus funds through the federal, state and county government to help more than 55 businesses and 28 nonprofit organizations in our community. The biggest need for individuals served by the nonprofit agencies has been for food, rent or mortgage payments and utilities.

We had a huge spike in coronavirus cases in October, averaging a 12% increase each week, and even though the county did not pass a mask ordinance, the City passed one. Thank you to businesses and the community who have been very supportive. The week-to-week numbers of cases are now below 1%. I have lost a few good friends to this terrible disease. May God be with those who have passed, their families, and those who are suffering long-term effects.

As for vaccines, the City of Leavenworth has partnered with the Leavenworth County Health Department to provide the Riverfront Community Center for vaccine distribution. Jamie Miller, our Health Department director, has done a massive amount of work during testing and now vaccine distribution. Approximately 2,000-3,000 people have been vaccinated per week.

Some of this year's City highlights include:

- After the success of CAMP Leavenworth 2 years ago, and socially-distanced events for our Lovingworth campaign last year, we will again get together for some fun this September 24-25, please come on down.
- Police Department: There has been an 11% drop in crime this year.

Projects:

- The unemployment numbers are now going down and we have new commercial and housing developments increasing, to include a KDOT road project on Fourth Street between Choctaw and Seneca streets.
- This is the second year of \$2 million in funding for the Pavement Management program for streets work.
- More than \$3.14 million in badly needed stormwater projects throughout the city.
- Eisenhower Road will be expanded from Storage Box to County Road 5. This is a Leavenworth County project, but will represent a dramatic change to the southwest part of the City.
- We are awaiting a grant for a pilot general transportation "micro-transit" system in the City of Leavenworth to begin in the fall. More information to come.

We are always looking for ideas to improve our city, if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact our city offices or me with your ideas. Together we can make Leavenworth better!