

Lewiston City Newsletter

May 2020

Mayor's Report

As we enter May 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact each of us in some manner. Many are impacted because they are vulnerable to the health impacts from the illness. Many to the economic impact to them and their families. Others due to fear of the uncertainties of the future and the isolation of the present. As a local community we have been fortunate. The infection rate among us and our region has been minor to this point. Our health care system has been able to handle the volume and to treat those infected. The mortality rate has been low. I believe this is due to wisdom and choices made by the citizens in response to the pandemic.

The Governor has changed the Covid-19 alert status from Red (High Risk) to Orange (Moderate Risk). What does that mean to us? Social distancing is still in place and encouraged. Although larger group gatherings are permitted but they are still limited to 20 or fewer. Some businesses that were previously closed can now open if they can implement measures to safeguard the patrons. The following conditions will remain in place in Lewiston City until further notice:

1. The City Office will remain staffed, but entrance will continue to be by individual appointment only.
2. Public City meetings will be streamed online for general public viewing.
3. Due to the limitation of group gatherings to 20 or fewer the theatre will remain closed.
4. Due to the limitation of group gatherings to 20 or fewer and the extensive distancing requirements the use of the city facilities for group activities will remain closed.
5. A plan to re-open the library is in works and will be posted on the city web site when a plan is in place.
6. The use of public playground equipment is still prohibited.
7. The Little Red Riding Hood bicycle event has been cancelled.
8. The Lewiston Health & Safety Fair has been cancelled.

Lewiston City is moving forward with plans for the 4th of July celebration. The ability to hold this event is dependent on several outside factors. If health orders are still in place that limit or prevent large group gatherings, we will have to cancel any events which do not conform. It is also possible that due to cancellations of other venues may affect the availability of parade entrants, rodeo stock, concessions, entertainment, etc. This could alter what can and cannot be accomplished. With July 4th being approximately two months into the future we feel there is time to make any necessary adjustments as they arise. One thing that is certain, the fireworks have been purchased and since they can be viewed in a socially distanced manner regardless of the restrictions in place, we do plan to present them.

The Bear River Health District is pursuing a possible shift from Orange Risk to Yellow Risk. If this reduction in risk does occur then it is likely the city offices, public meeting, playground use, public property use, and the theater will be able to open at least on a limited basis. Since the risk category is dynamic and can change at any time please watch the city web site for up to date information.

These are indeed challenging times. Like you Lewiston City anticipates a financial impact from the ongoing situation. We are presently in the budgeting process for FY2021. The uncertainty makes budgeting very difficult especially for a small community with little excess even in good years. Limited funds may change some of the things we see as normal.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 435-770-4267 (if I do not answer please leave a message) or mayorfield@gmail.com.

Mayor Kelly Field

T-Ball & Coach Pitch Sign-ups

CENSUS - LEWISTON CITY

We are depending on you to complete your CENSUS and get it submitted to help fund our city. Please complete the few questions and submit your CENSUS immediately. If you have not and have questions or need help we have a staff member who is available to help you successfully fill out and submit the CENSUS. Currently Lewiston has a high completion rate but we need everyone to participate! Please help. For assistance you can call or email Amy Prestwich at the Library and make an appointment with her to either come to you or you can come to the library and get your CENSUS completed and submitted.

The response from Lewiston Citizens has been high and we thank everyone for their help but we need 100% to really get an accurate number for funding.

Amy Prestwich

Lewiston Library

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(435) 258-5515

The sign-ups for Coach Pitch and T-Ball are available until May 20, 2020. You can find the form online at www.lewiston-ut.org, call the city office and we will send you one or make arrangements for you to pick one up.

We are moving forward with the hope that we will be able to have team sports but in the event that does not work out we will refund your money.

Thank you,
Lewiston City

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Reminder~ You can call and make an appointment to check out books or videos at the Library. Our staff will be glad to help.

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I.D. Card Example: lpl 000535 (depending on what your library number is, put zero's in front to make up the 6 digits needed. If your library number is only 2 digits add four 0's in front of your number)

PIN: (your last name all lowercase)

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