

## What's Right with Washington Terrace City? Flattening the COVID 19 Curve and Rolling with an Earth-Quake

March really has gone out like a lion – not in the weather department but in our “way of life” department. Little did we know a new virus was on its way from China that would quickly turn into a pandemic. The COVID-19 virus has motivated us to consider our priorities and set in motion events that would be best illustrated in a Cecil B DeMille movie. Fortunately, the river has not turned to blood. Events of the past few weeks have changed everything as we know it. Indeed, the events of the last several weeks has changed the way we think about finances, health, and has even impacted the way we interact with one another. A new term of “Social Distancing” has become part of our daily vernacular.

Who would have thought a virus from China would cause a crazy run on toilet paper, bottled water and almost anything you are able to buy in a soup can? Who would have thought a shopping cart full of cookies, crackers and cheese-wiz was a good strategy to weather the COVID storm? And, who would have thought it would get any worse? I figured that COVID was enough, but alas, it was not.

The legitimacy and challenges of the COVID-19 were just starting to become an unfortunate norm when on the morning of March 18, 2020 at 7:09 AM, a magnitude 5.7 earthquake hit the Magna area shaking even Washington Terrace City. I was in my office talking to the Finance Director when the room started to move and the blinds started to sway. It took a second or two for us to grasp what was happening.

My mind, almost in an instant, went from a COVID -19 pandemic, to EARTHQUAKE! What the heck?! The conversation around COVID-19 quickly ended as we began the discussions of our emergency response plans. Our Public Works Director was immediately on the phone with the Public Works crew to determine their timing on a city assessment. Fortunately for us, the Public Works team was already gearing up to respond to our needs; boots were on the ground, and the crew was in motion before anyone even made the request.

Water lines were assessed, water storage systems were evaluated, and all water facilities were accounted for and determined to be safe and sound. Buildings were carefully inspected, and aside from some swinging lights, all was in order. However, we were not quick to “breathe easier” as there is still a pandemic looming in the background and needing our attention.

With the ongoing pandemic we want to do all we can to maintain operations as normal as possible, protect the wellbeing of our staff and residents, and provide a calm sense of normalcy when interacting with your team at city hall. To that end, we are recommending that all of us work together to limit our exposure through “social distancing” best practices. This would include: paying all utilities on line or over the phone with a credit card, utilizing the drop-box, mailing your payment, or making payment to the city using your credit union or bank online bill payment system.

Please limit your time at city hall (and at all public places) whenever possible. We want you and our staff to be safe and healthy. This is an unprecedented time in which we can all work together to curb the virus and flatten the curve. I applaud your efforts and would offer you all a “High Five” for working together, but that would be irresponsible at this point. Air-five! Thanks for all you do!

**Flattening the curve and responding to an earthquake...it's what's right with Washington Terrace!**

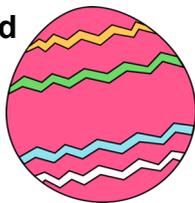
-City Manager, Tom Hansen



**Due to the COVID-19 precautions City Hall will be closed until further notice. For any business you may need accomplished please call the City's main phone number at 801-393-8681 or the City Justice Court at 801-393-8951.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Due to these unprecedented Times, the Washington Terrace City Easter Egg Hunt will be Cancelled this year.**



### NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES

Even if a product says it is “flushable”, unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!



Hand wipes, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes and feminine products are the #1 cause of sewer lateral and sewer main back ups.

For more information please visit our website at [www.washingtonterracecity.com](http://www.washingtonterracecity.com).

### SECONDARY WATERING

Please use water wisely.

Secondary watering usually runs from Mid April to Mid October. Providers of secondary water are listed below:

**Pineview Water Systems** 801-621-6555  
<http://pineviewwater.com>

**Weber Basin Water Systems** 801-771-1677  
<http://weberbasin.com>

You can also go to: <https://weberbasin.com/index.php/customer-service/who-is-my-provider> and enter your address to find your provider.



## UTILITIES

### GARBAGE/RECYCLE

Please allow the full business day on Wednesday (or Thursday on holiday weeks) for garbage collection before calling in a missed can or street. Do not rely on the same time for pick up every week, pick up may often be delayed due to driver shortages, truck problems, etc.

**Please report any pick up problems the following business day at 8AM directly to Republic Services @ 801-781-1349.**

### 2020 SPRING CLEAN UP

Washington Terrace will be holding our annual Fall Clean Up for GREEN WASTE ONLY beginning Monday April 20th. Please have everything bagged, boxed or bundled on the curb by Sunday evening April 19th.

**GREEN WASTE** is considered to be grass, weeds, tree limbs, bushes, leaves, etc. Items to be picked up must be placed on the park strip/near the curb and gutter.

**Any items that are loose must be tied tightly and must be no longer than 4 feet long and weigh no more than 35 lbs.**

All loose items not fitting this description will not be collected.

**NO CALLBACKS OR MISSED PICK UPS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

For any questions, please contact Washington City Public Works Department at 801-395-8289.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**PARKING:** Parking on soft surfaces such as gravel, dirt or grass areas (YARDS) is prohibited. Anything with an axle must be parked on a hard surface (concrete or asphalt—gravel is not permitted). The full width of the vehicle, trailers or any axle device must be on the hard surface.

## RECREATION

### CO-ED T-BALL LEAGUE (\$45)

Ages: Pre K—K

Registration Dates: February 26—April 14

### CO-ED ROOKIE MACHINE PITCH (\$45)

Ages: 1st Grade—2nd Grade

Registration Dates: February 26—April 14

### BOYS BASEBALL (\$45)

Ages: 3rd Grade—9th Grade

Registration Dates: February 26—April 14

### GIRLS SOFTBALL (\$45)

Ages: 3rd Grade—9th Grade

Registration Dates: February 26—April 14

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[WWW.WASHINGTONTERRACECITY.COM](http://WWW.WASHINGTONTERRACECITY.COM)

For more information please call 801-395-8293.