



## City of Leavenworth

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Community Members,

Are you ready for Memorial Day Weekend? Are we ready to be good hosts? Because we know people will be coming. As the saying goes, “ready or not...” So, we need to be as ready as we possibly can. To keep our community, our workers, and our guests as safe as we can make it. A big shout out to the Royal Bavarians who stepped up and into our downtown core last weekend as ambassadors. They were greeters and they had masks and sanitation wipes to offer. That will go a long way in establishing that culture of safety that we want to practice and have take hold. Wouldn't that be just wonderful, if we added to our list of why we are such a special place, the fact that we are the absolute safest tourist town you can visit in this day and time? What a reputation to foster! Thank you for taking steps to get us to that point.

I know that the decision to close some blocks of downtown to traffic, starting last weekend, was not universally applauded. I understand that, and I understand why. It does not make sense to close things off when you don't have the big crowds. It actually makes it harder for those who are open. It will not look like a festival downtown, so the crowds will look somewhat sparse. But these are not normal times. This is not what we are facing. Decisions are not being made in order to handle the crowds. Decisions are being made to spread out people so that there is no reason to crowd, to give more space to people, and less to cars. As we continue to plan, we will add more signage, more sanitizer stations, more masks. We will continue to add to, and tweak, and refine this response, so that we can truly prepare to open as the safest option for an outing you can get.

On another subject, there are still some open slots available for an opportunity to meet, (via Zoom), with our new City Administrator, Ana Cortez-Steiner at 7:00 PM tonight. If you would like a chance to chat with her, just email me your desire to join us and I will send you the Zoom link. She has jumped in and joined a lot of our Zoom meetings as a way to begin to get a feel for things. All of us at City Hall are anxious to have June 1 come so Ana can fully join our efforts to serve this great community and move us forward beyond this current crisis.

Hang in there. And stay safe! Wear that mask when out in public!



**Carl J. Florea, Mayor**

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