



### **Message from your Mayor and City Council**

As we enter a second month of learning to live a 'new normal' in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we trust that you and your family are faring well, remaining healthy and keeping a positive outlook.

The impacts of COVID-19 on our immediate families, and the larger community around us, continue to be dynamic – challenging us every day - as it runs its course.

Members of your City Council are communicating and working within The Hills community (Club, MUD, POA) on a daily basis to ensure that we respond effectively on behalf of our residents.

Similarly, through the Mayor and City Manager, your Village of The Hills is communicating with area entities to deliver coordinated responses to our community. Those entities include Lakeway, Bee Cave, Travis County, City of Austin, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center and the emergency responders of Lake Travis Fire Rescue. We are all sharing information and best practices - working together for the benefit of the larger community.

The Village of The Hills has issued a Declaration of Disaster for the city as part of its response to the COVID-19 threat. We are continuously reviewing and updating to insure we are meeting requirements for protecting our community. Doing so will also protect our ability to participate in assistance programs that may be available. Our most recent update can be found on the city webpage. <http://www.villageofthehills.org/>

Personally, we are heartened by our community's response to each other. Every day, we see more people out and about in The Hills talking with each other. We see folks stopping to holler a greeting to neighbors in their yards or on their porches. We have seen cul de sacs where the neighbors have set out their lawn chairs around the perimeter, to sit and talk over the events of the day.

Please be aware of those in your neighborhood who are alone or may need assistance with chores and tasks. Pick up the phone, give them a call. During these times, the sound of another human voice wanting to talk for a minute may be the highlight of the day for them.

We want to give a special shout out to our Club for their "Club Eats" program. With an extensive Curbside Food To-Go menu, residents can 'go out' for a meal and never leave the area. An added plus is their "food credit" to your monthly dues billing for your Club Eats purchases. Contact the Club for more information.

Everyone is urged to be mindful of the "Essential Activity" directives and "Stay Home, Work Safe" guidance provided by the State and County. Updates are issued as often as daily. Open and read them, they include important information you need to know to stay safe and healthy in the face of COVID-19.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the issuing entity for clarification. If needed, do not hesitate to reach out to us at the city for assistance.

Finally, we are all in this together – from the Village of The Hills to all across this nation. If we work together to support our community and each other, we will emerge stronger than before.

Be safe, stay healthy, wash your hands regularly and remember to practice "Social Distancing" at all times. We will all have plenty of time to shake hands and hug when this is over.

#### The Mayor and City Council of The Hills

George Spencer, Mayor

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