

Our Town, Our Tomorrow

By Jeff Jones, Horseshoe Bay Mayor

I want to give a big shoutout to our first responders, city staff, and utilities and public works departments who kept our citizens safe and responded to any and all inquiries during the recent weather event. Their families had to operate without their presence many times, and even though the city offices were closed, most employees continued to work from home. It was not a restful time for them, but rather a working time.

I also want to thank Horseshoe Bay Resort for assisting with lodging and meals for our utilities and road crews who needed accommodation throughout this event so they could respond as quickly as possible.

I want to thank our citizens for following the warnings and pleas from the city to remain at home, conserve energy, and stay safe. So many times, we hear those requests and we think they don't apply to us. They do, and they work!

I want to remind all residents that our city comprehensive plan survey is still open for you to weigh in on crucial matters that face Horseshoe Bay in the coming years and decades. Your opinions shape our eventual plans! Please take 5 to 10 minutes to complete this survey so that we can have a clear vision of community desires as we go forward with our comprehensive plan that will take our community into 2040 and beyond.

Visit www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/survey to complete the survey. You may also read a presentation about the plan that was given at the September 2025 Town Hall meeting by visiting www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/compplan.

I want to remind everyone that even though we have wonderful streets upon which to drive in Horseshoe Bay, we also have walkers and bike riders who share the roads with us. Even though there are designated speed limits, please consider lowering your speed if you see people out and about. This is a courtesy for all of us! There are many curves and sharp turns with hills that tempt us to "cut corners" and create potential blind spots for drivers. We need to make sure to remind our neighbors and ourselves to take it easy! We're already in beautiful Horseshoe Bay! We can exhale and take our foot off the gas. It can save a life and your peace of mind as well.

Finally, I want to remind everyone about our upcoming City Center Open House scheduled before our first council meeting at our new facility. The Open House will be on Tuesday, February 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., when the council meeting convenes. Please mark your calendars and come out and see your new city center! Join us at 9101 W. FM 2147.

The new City Center is a beautiful, functional building which will help make our city services even more efficient and more comfortable for staff members who have worked in cramped spaces at the old city hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this vital

community project, including our City Manager Jeff Koska, Assistant City Manager Rick Williams, Executive Assistant Adrienne Mapel, designer Chris Eve Dunlap, Former Mayors Cynthia Clinesmith and Elsie Thurman, the Historical Preservation Committee, and countless others who have donated their time and efforts. Well done friends!