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Dear Citizens:

As most of you are aware, Corsicana and Navarro County will be in the direct path of the Solar Eclipse on April 8th. For months now, there has already been extensive media coverage and excitement about this once-in-a-lifetime event! As the date approaches, the anticipation and excitement will only grow.

Here is a quote from a recent article in Forbes Magazine: “About 4 minutes 10 seconds of totality, Corsicana’s Total Eclipse Fest will include food trucks, face painters, live music, special eclipse merch and complimentary eclipse glasses”. The Eclipse Fest will take place on Saturday, April 6. See the website for details of events taking place March 14 through April 8 www.corsicanaeclipse.com.

There is no clear consensus on what to expect, but some experts predict that over 1 million people may visit the Texas Solar Eclipse Path. There have been various estimates for Corsicana, but it would not be surprising if our town and county doubled in population for a couple of days. Our hotels and campgrounds have already been sold out for a while now.

As a city, we have formed an eclipse committee and are taking necessary precautions to manage the influx of visitors. We have planned a couple more meetings to ensure we will anticipate and manage the crowds effectively. The Navarro County Office of Emergency Management is working with all local and county authorities to ensure all safety measures are being taken. Please make sure to check their Facebook page for updates regarding the weekend.

All Business Owners should prepare for a huge opportunity for sales and promotions. It is anticipated that people will stock up on groceries, fill gas tanks, get prescriptions, and run all necessary errands several days ahead of the event. Every restaurant and business should prepare like it is Christmas Eve during the weekend preceding the eclipse.

Our top priority is the safety of our citizens and visitors during this incredible event. We also urge everyone to extend a warm welcome to our guests and aid in maintaining a secure environment. It is essential to purchase eclipse glasses only from trusted sources. Please ensure the protection of your loved ones, including children who may not be aware, by helping them safeguard their eyesight. The Corsicana Visitors Center is offering three free eclipse glasses to each household in Corsicana while supplies last and they are open Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and some Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Michael Fletcher, Mayor
City of Corsicana