

It Is Time For A Change

Guest Commentary

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It's a New Day in Corsicana.

Every once in while it's a good thing to open your closet doors and take a serious and objective look at what is inside. Sometimes it's tough, but digging into the corners to go through and separate the things that really work from those things whose time has clearly passed is an exercise that always results in a clearer, fresher perspective.

In an effort to determine what works for us and what doesn't, those of us at City Hall feel it is time to take a really good look at what is inside. It is time to examine and assess those things that have proven successful for us and, more importantly, to identify those things our citizens think need more attention. In short, it is time to start our new day with a new vision, approach and attitude.

To do that, we will need your help.

I need to hear from you. I need to know what your concerns are and what you think we can improve upon. Within the next few weeks, watch your water bill for a special letter from me. When you get it you will find that in addition to my note there will be a removable card on which you can write the three most important things you want your city government to address. You will also have an opportunity to include other information as well. Please include an email address if you would like to get future breaking news related to the City of Corsicana directly from me. Your comments can remain anonymous, if you wish. You will not be required to sign your name or provide an address. Please return the card with your utility bill or you can mail it back directly to me.

This is YOUR city government and your voice should be heard so I want to encourage everyone to reply, even if you only have one or two issues that are important to you. You may have more than three you want to list. If so, send them all. We want to hear them. We will be compiling and studying the information and will provide on the city website, as soon as possible, a report of what we learned from the returned cards.

The election is behind us now and it is a bright, new day for Corsicana. This new day brings with it an outstanding opportunity to improve the methods and tools we will use as we move forward to ensure a wonderful future for our city and its citizens. We have no intention of letting this unique opportunity pass us by. Hearing from you about the things YOU think are important is a giant step in the right direction.

On our part, as our first step toward making big changes in how we do business at City Hall, we are crafting a strategy to keep our citizens informed about what goes on within city government in our

town. In the next few weeks you will be hearing about specific changes we are making to ensure that you, our citizens, can get the information you want WHEN you want it and straight from the source. You deserve to hear it first from us, not from someone else, and that is the direction in which we are moving. Although it will take some time to implement all we have planned to improve communication, we are certain this is a step in the right direction.

It is a new day in Corsicana! I am excited about the opportunity to do things differently, but those of us who work at City Hall can't accomplish this goal alone. We really need your help. It is YOUR city. Watch for your mail-out and please take the time to let us know how you feel. Fill it out and drop it in the mail. Your participation is critical as we move forward.

Nothing can stop us from making Corsicana all it can be if we work together with optimism, enthusiasm and a spirit of cooperation. I am very encouraged about our future and look forward to serving you.

Chuck McClanahan