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                                                  MAYORS UPDATE

   First of all, as things are loosening up a bit, I would like to commend all of our residents on your efforts on using good judgment on distancing and gathering in small groups. Working together and with some good luck, we have kept this virus crap out of our town. Our businesses thank you for your local support!  As of Saturday, May 30th, Toms Tavern and the Log Inn will be opened for food and drink. They will have reduced seating to allow for DISTANCING and appreciate you working with them. The Elk River General Store is open 8am to 6pm and can now offer seating for breakfast and lunch but with limited seating for DISTANCING.

City Hall is open! We appreciate everyone calling or doing business through our sliding window. That window has become a great visiting spot! Lol... You can still use the window if you like. Christina and Carrie will be sanitizing like crazy!

Roadwise did an outstanding job with dust abatement. Randy, Hawk and Brad had the streets in great shape for them and the weather cooperated. (Barely…we lucked out!)

Your adopted fire hydrants are still looking great. If you need to touch them up, please do. We have 5 fire hydrants available to adopt and paint. They are $50 each. You can get the form at City Hall or on City Hall’s web site, [www.cityelkriver.org](http://www.cityelkriver.org)

Spring clean up went well. We had to call for an extra dumpster but that's OK, we got rid of a bunch. Please do not dump any more debris or appliances at the City Shop or out by the green Potlatch building. We will be doing a yard debris burn so don’t be alarmed. It has been approved by DEQ and the Idaho Department of Lands. They are really working well with us and we appreciate it.

Our beloved school came down. Wayne Gallagher, Curt McLam and their crew did an incredible job in removing it. It came down in 2 ½ hours! They gave residents a ton of stuff including the Fire Department which got cabinets and other items for our new fire hall. They saved the “Public School” sign. It is in the museum. I appreciate DEQ’s help on this project as well.

I have completed negotiations with Clearwater & Latah Counties to have Latah Sanitation take over our solid waste compactor and removal. There will be more information on this later. I just wanted you to know that your service and billing will remain the same. Residents are allowed 80 lbs. per week. This doesn’t mean two heavy 40 lb. bags! We would much rather have 4 – 20 lb. bags. Please help us with lighter bags in garbage cans.

Let’s enjoy our wonderful area and weather! Keep your DISTANCE and enjoy our businesses and SMALL GROUPS!

Thanks for listening!

Mayor Dave