

From the Desk of Mayor Linda Hall

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Dear Residents,

As we welcome the summer season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many things that make Stratford such a special community.

Recently, we gathered for our annual Memorial Day Service to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. It was a meaningful morning filled with remembrance, gratitude, and community pride. Thank you to everyone who attended.

As summer begins, we are looking forward to many exciting community events. One of our most cherished traditions, the **Stratford Fourth of July Parade**, will once again bring residents, families, organizations, and businesses together in celebration of our nation's independence. I hope you can attend one of our town's amazing traditions as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, we proudly honor 250 years of freedom.

We are also excited for **National Night Out**, which will be held at **Parkview School on Tuesday, August 4th**. This annual event is a great opportunity for residents to meet our police officers, firefighters, and first responders that help keep Stratford safe.

Our business community continues to grow, and we are pleased to welcome several new businesses that have opened in recent months, including Integrity Automotive of Stratford, Mad Glass, Great American Storage, Dollar Tree, and Satnam Petroleum Gas. We are also excited that Mavis Discount Tires will be coming soon. These investments in Stratford help create jobs, provide services for residents, and strengthen our local economy.

The litigation regarding the Stratford Square property (former Bradlees) is finally behind us. We are looking forward to seeing the progress on the site, that will transform this important property and bring new opportunities to our community. As another school year ends, I would like to congratulate all of Stratford's graduates. Whether you are completing grammar school or high school, your hard work and dedication deserves recognition. Your community is proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success.

With the arrival of warmer weather, I ask everyone to stay safe and look out for one another. Please watch children riding bicycles, walking to parks, and enjoying their summer break. During the hot summer days, remember to stay hydrated, check on elderly neighbors and those who may need assistance. Small acts of kindness make a big difference and help keep our community strong.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Stratford. I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Sincerely,
Mayor Linda Hall