INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone, for those of you who may not know me personally, I am Bernie Sullivan, mayor of Brantley. As Mayor, I feel I should address some concerns I am sure you have had during these past 2 months of uncertainty. COVID-19 has affected everyone in one way or another. With sickness, social distancing, businesses closed, quarantines, church services cancelled, lay-offs, and loss of jobs, we have all been touched by the virus. Unlike other towns, cities, and counties around us, our community has been blessed with no-one becoming seriously ill. Everyone, please continue to practice all safety precautions to continue to remain safe and healthy. Do it for the people you love!

Beginning June 1, with our citizens health and safety in mind, we will be moving forward by opening City Hall and the library to the public with limited access. The foyer at City Hall will be open to one person at a time and will require hand sanitization and mask or face covering be worn before entrance. The library will follow the same guidelines except two people at a time will be allowed with at least six-foot social distancing between the two.

ECONOMIC STATUS

The economy of our Town has remained stable despite the nationwide shutdowns. We have managed to continue our normal services for the citizens of Brantley and kept all our employees on board with us. The Town will be frugal and remain at “level funding” until we can get back to some form of what we have previously called normal. There are several contributing factors which are helping our economy here in Brantley. Of course, our businesses here in town, who have adopted ways of doing business during the pandemic and staying open to meet our locals needs. We are very appreciative for their support in maintaining our tax base during these trying times. Please continue to shop at home in support of local businesses. We can thank our City Council members, Steve Walker, Lorey Bogen, Ashley Stewart, Darryl Elliott, and our newest member Georgia Bush, for having the forethought through the years to create a safety net for times such as these. Then, we can depend on our first-responders and essential workers who have been dedicated to their duties during this pandemic. We have our Police
officers, Drew Morgan, Lee Simmons, and Alvah Carlson under the leadership of Chief Titus Averett. Then, we have our Fire and Rescue Department members being led by Keith Morgan and Sylvia Davis, respectively. We have our Sanitation Department, which is “second to none” being efficiently operated by Tony Lee and William (El) Foster. Our Water and Sewage Departments managed by Jim Majors and Brian (Bubba) Dunn covering the Street Department. I would need to mention Scott Dorsey and Kin’yada Teague who were newly hired to assist Jim and Brian with daily maintenance. We have our office personnel, Davina Mount and Diane Mears under the direction of our Town Administrator Phillip Moseley. Also, we cannot forget Delayney Smith and Billy Rayborn assisting our senior citizens with daily meals or Margaret Colquett in the library. Our businesses along with our council Members and dedicated employees are truly key in keeping the heart of our town beating strongly! We are blessed to be able to call Brantley our home!

**News and Events**

In the near future we will be placing a plaque and dedicating it to our beloved and sorely missed Council member Mrs. Judy Woolley who passed away sometime back. She was always concerned with the beautification of Brantley, especially the downtown area. She would be truly pleased with our downtown after all the improvements we have seen in the past couple years. We will be placing the plaque somewhere in or around the downtown park and will notify everyone interested in the date of dedication via Facebook and our website ([www.townofbrantley.org](http://www.townofbrantley.org)).

The Town pond on Sasser Street has been opened, cleared and cleaned around, and water treated for fishing. Thank Councilman Darryl Elliott for his generosity as he will be stocking the pond with Brim and Bass. The pond will remain open to the public until the additional fish are stocked. Unfortunately for you fishermen and fisherwomen, upon stocking, we will have to close the pond for a period to allow the new fish to mature. Signs will be placed around the pond notifying every one of the temporary closure.
**High School Seniors**

We are thankful you were allowed a graduation ceremony. It was very well organized and preformed, despite rain and inclement weather. A big thumbs up to the BHS faculty! There is a lot of pride felt for all the graduating seniors with your academic and athletic accomplishments during the adversities you have faced. The adversities have built strength in you. The future is yours to be attained through this strength. You cannot control life’s circumstances; you can only react. Be a light for good and help others. Be loyal and honest. Plan for your future and work toward your plan. Learn from your mistakes...you will make some. You students, along with your parents, are the reason for “BRANTLEY STRONG”

Census

Please submit your census information. It is vital information for your town’s counties, and state. It is vital for State and Federal funding! It is quick and easy; only takes a few moments to complete. It is safe and secure. The US Census Bureau keeps your information private and secure. It is not too late! Please get your census filled out. Go online and type “Census 2020”.