

## FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES

First we want to share a note on recent activities in the news. Peaceful protests regarding the circumstances that caused the death of George Floyd are being taken over by outside groups intent on inflicting unrest in many cities. We want you to know that our Police Department works in partnership with other local law enforcement agencies. At this time, there is no known threat to St. Charles. But we do recommend you stay vigilant and call 911 if you see anything out of the ordinary. Our Police Department stands ready to assist you.

We don't want to let these recent incidents overshadow the fact that our first weekend of reopening retail and outdoor dining in St. Charles was a success. After sheltering in place for 2 1/2 months, residents and visitors were ready to come out and enjoy our city. We appreciate the level of cooperation that took place to make this happen. Each of you, along with City Council and staff (and the even the weather), came together to make the weekend's reopening and temporary outdoor dining experiment a success.

The level of decorum, willingness to follow the rules, and the colorful umbrellas added to the festive atmosphere all across town. Together we were able to accomplish so much in so little time. While there were some missteps, they were quickly corrected. And the general feedback we received was very favorable.

The pandemic has been a challenge for all of us. There are new guidelines for retail and restaurants that we must follow. We appreciate you observing those rules as the next phase approaches. As we move forward, please know the City is behind you, and supports you, and wishes you continued success.

Sincerely,

Raymond P. Rogina & James Keegan  
*Mayor* *Chief of Police*

