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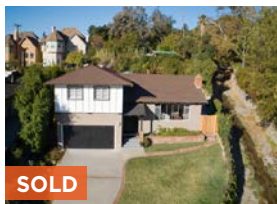
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The first phase of reopening begins Friday, May 8th

Businesses reopening for curbside pick-up only, with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols

- Bookstores • Music Stores
- Clothing Stores • Sporting Goods Stores
- Florists • Toy Stores

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Outdoor parks are open provided all activities adhere to distancing and infection control protocols

- Trails • Trailheads • Parks

Bailey Canyon Park - Saturday, 5/9 | 6AM - Sunset

Mt. Wilson Trail - Saturday, 5/9 | 8AM

Please wear face masks if you cannot maintain proper social distancing on trails. Remember to carry out what you carry in at the trails.

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- Playgrounds • Volleyball Courts
- Basketball courts • Tennis Courts

In line with LA County Public Health's Roadmap to Recovery Plan

CITY MOVES FORWARD WITH SOLAR PANEL PROJECT AT CITY YARDS

By Kevin McGuire

The City plans to award a power purchase agreement contract to Rec Solar Inc. for the design and construction of a solar photovoltaic system at the City Yards site. The 554 KW-Dc system and storage unit proposal would require a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis and Conditional Use Permit before an agreement and construction can move forward.

The proposed project is estimated to offset 989,000 kWh of energy from the Water Department's distribution functions every year. This translates to the elimination of 715 tons of Co2 emissions per year, according to a staff report provided by City Manager Gabe Engeland.

As part of the 20-year agreement with Rec Solar, the City is not obligated to spend any capital investment toward the cost, which is not to exceed \$1,373,000. The City expects higher water efficiency and better disaster preparedness as a result of the panels being installed.

Back in 2019, Mayor John Harabedian and Mayor Pro-Tem John Capoccia put together a team, which included

city staff, and industry experts Robert Parkhurst and Matthew Schneider. After hearing eight proposals, the team found Rec Solar to be the most qualified company offering the best value for solar panel construction on an approximate 65,000 square-foot section of the City Yards located at 621 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Currently the property, North of Hal Dapper Field, contains two water basins not in use.

Members of the community voiced concern that the solar panels would reflect into windows of nearby homes. After design is finalized and a CEQA analysis is complete, residents will be mitigated, according to Engeland. The current proposed design has the panels facing toward the South, suggesting that residents in that area would see the tops of the panels. The question of possible glare will be addressed as part of the CEQA analysis.

City Council met on January 28, 2020 and February 25, 2020 to discuss concepts for the project. On April 28, 2020, the Council approved the power purchase contract, pending the CEQA analysis and approved permits.

ALTADENA SHERIFF'S STATION CLOSING

The Altadena Sheriff's Station is set to close permanently July 1 as part of massive \$400 million in cuts to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Cuts include, full-time patrol positions, including: Youth Activities League (YAL), school resource deputy, Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA), Nuisance abatement, Community Relations Team and Search and Rescue Coordinator (pictured right), see full story on Page. 5

SIERRA MADRE FIREFIGHTER PAY INCREASES IN THE WORKS

By Kevin McGuire

After several meetings between negotiators and the union representing the Sierra Madre Professional Firefighters Association (SMPFA), the City is moving forward with a plan that will increase salaries for firefighter/paramedics and captains.

During the April 28 Meeting, City Council adopted a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the SMPFA, and approved a resolution amending the Classification Plan and Salary Matrix. This will increase the salary range for Fire Captains and gradually increase firefighter/paramedics salaries from \$15.61 to the \$24.00 an hour range over a five-year period.

"It might sound irresponsible that we are giving a generous raise to our firefighters," Mayor John Capoccia said at the April 28 meeting. "Look at the currently hourly rate of a firefighter/paramedic—\$15.61—that's barely above minimum wage. We are offering this [increase] to our firefighters as a matter of fairness. We expect them to be professional in their duties and we also want them to have the respect of their peers," the Mayor said.

The proposed increase would bring Sierra Madre firefighters up to par with neighboring cities such as San Gabriel and South Pasadena over the five-year period, but this rate would still be below what is paid to Arcadia and Pasadena firefighters.

This new MOU provides for a 20% salary increase to all association members, effective July 5, 2020. This will be followed by an increase of 12.5% in 2022 and 5.5% in 2024 (this excludes Fire Captains). The following additional items were also negotiated between the City and SMPFA:

1. Five-year contract effective July 1, 2020 expiring on June 30, 2025.
2. Additional Assignments and Pay incentives.
3. Vacation Leave accrual adjusted from 4.88 hours to 5.53 hours to reflect the 24-hour work schedule.
4. Sick Leave accrual adjusted from 4.88 hours to 5.5 hours to reflect the 24-hour work schedule.
5. One-time Qualified Engineer Exam Bonus.
6. Movie Detail to be governed by the City's Fee Schedule as adopted by the City Council.

Currently, the Fire Captain position is listed at 10 steps with each step increased by 2.5%. The proposed change to take the range to only 5 steps, with each step increased by 5% would be consistent with all other bargaining groups salary ranges. The total increase in personnel cost is estimated to \$230,000 for the Fiscal Year (Source: Staff report provided by Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager).

Once an all-volunteer fire department, the City has struggled to keep and maintain a fully-paid staff. Residents have spoken up and voiced support for the fire department and have also expressed displeasure over the thought of losing an engine or relying on Arcadia and Pasadena to respond to local calls in Sierra Madre.



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Athens Services is temporarily changing collection services due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the health and safety of everyone is a high priority and out of an abundance of caution, effective immediately, we will be collecting all of your refuse, recyclable, and green waste barrels with one or possibly two collection trucks. This will allow us to keep trucks and drivers to a minimum during the COVID-19 emergency period and also minimize the amount of time trash is exposed to the community. In addition, during this "stay at home" period, we realize that neighborhoods and communities are busier than normal with more activity and we want to help keep your neighborhoods safe. As this is only a temporary change to our operations during this Covid-19 emergency period, residents should continue to separate materials in their respective barrels as usual. Please be sure that all barrels are set out by 6am on your collection day.

We will continue to notify you of any new developments as circumstances change. We appreciate your support and understanding as we adjust to the new norms during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please feel free to contact Athens Services at 888-336-6100 with any questions, or visit www.athensservices.com for more information.

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Huarache Farms: 40 Monterey Lane, Sierra Madre

Michael Woods shows how technology teams with a network of local backyard organic farmers to grow delicious produce.

Syndicate Bakery & Coffee House:

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Owner, Alex Novack, shows off his amazing pastries and tells what exciting plans he has for the future.

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The City recently awarded this contract to Gentry Brothers, Inc. This work is scheduled to commence on Monday, April 20, 2020 with an anticipated completion date of Friday, June 12, 2020. Working hours will be restricted from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As expected with any street improvements project, there may be some noise, dust and inconvenience. However, we will make every effort to keep this to a minimum. The project will consist of concrete repairs to improve ADA access, sidewalk repairs and street resurfacing, along with slurry seal on the following streets in your neighborhood.

- Auburn Ave. Sierra Madre Blvd. to Grand View Ave.
- W.Highland Ave. from Auburn Ave. to N. Baldwin Ave.
- E.Grand View Ave. from N. Baldwin to Canon Dr.

Parking will be restricted in the construction area. "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 48 hours in advance prior to commencing work in the affected areas. Access to your driveway will be maintained.

Funding for Street Projects come from many sources.

- SB1 Gas Tax (RAMA)
- Measure M
- Measure R
- Proposition C
- General Fund to match

We truly appreciate your understanding and patience so that we can complete this work as quickly as possible. We thank you for your cooperation. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact: Chris Cimino at ccimino@cityofsierramadre.com

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EDWARD WILLIAM FIELDS JR.,

Edward William Fields Jr., 86, formerly of Dickinson, ND, died Saturday, February 15, 2020, in Sierra Madre, CA.

Bill was born November 3, 1933, in Indianapolis, IN, the son of Edward and Marguerite Fields. He and his sister Janice were raised in West Newton, Martinsville, Mars Hill, and Mooresville, IN, with deep ties to family and the Quaker community. Bill was a member of Mooresville Friends Church and graduated from Mooresville High School in 1951.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1960. During that time he worked on submarine surveillance equipment for the NSA and was stationed near Washington, DC, and San Francisco. In 1958 he moved to Bismarck, ND, where he lived with his aunt and uncle, Mildred and Arthur Hoadley, his cousin David, and his grandmother Mary Adaline Christie. There he attended Bismarck Junior College and met his wife-to-be, Janice Cram. Bill graduated from State Teachers College, Valley City, ND in 1962 and went on to receive his Masters in Social Work from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1965.



Bill and Jan were married June 8, 1962, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. They moved to Dickinson in 1965, and their daughter Jennifer was born in 1971. Bill was a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the ND Department of Human Services. He worked at the Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson from 1965 until his retirement in 1995. He and Jan were active members of the Dickinson community until her death in 2019. He then moved to Sierra Madre, California to be near Jennifer and his beloved grandchildren.

Bill was a pioneer in mental health services in Dickinson and southwest North Dakota. In 1967 he was the first mental health clinician hired by the county of social services. The services grew and he began to hire additional staff to assist him. As mental health services evolved and expanded, a separate mental health center was created. Again services expanded and it was further enlarged to become the Badlands Human Service Center. In his three decades of services Bill never wavered in his leadership of the mental health/social service division. Bill truly believed that therapeutic services were a right and neither economic nor geographic location should prohibit services for those in need. His life's work spanned over three decades, his contribution helped to build the framework and set the standard of care available to all members of the Dickinson and southwest North Dakota community.

Bill is survived by his devoted daughter Jennifer (Jimmy) Garcia of Sierra Madre, CA, and three grandchildren who meant the world to him: Will, Jake, and Adaline; foster daughter Tina (Kevin) DeGree of Minot, ND; sister Janice (Lawrence) Blattner of Peoria, IL; cousin David (Nancy) Hoadley of Falls Church, VA; several brothers- and sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years and his parents.

A visitation was held on February 20 at Rose Hills Mortuary in Whittier, CA. Bill will be laid to rest in Whitelick Cemetery on April, 27th with a Celebration of Life to take place in the future.

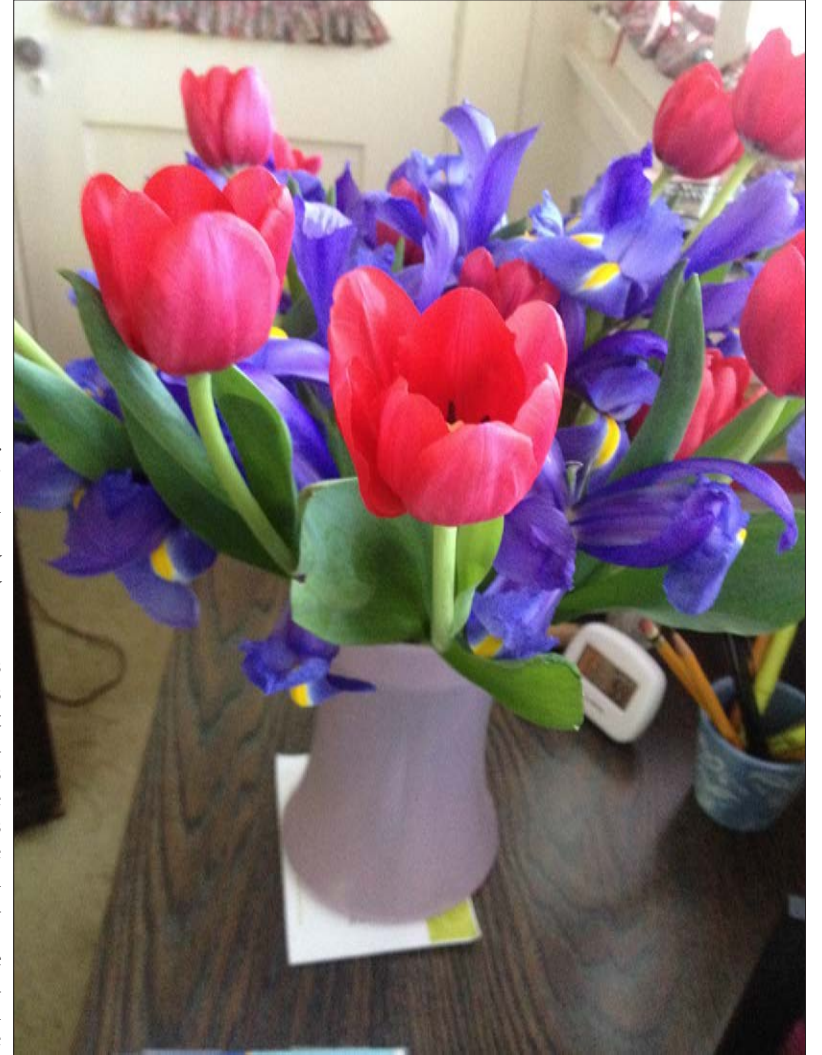
In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bill Fields are suggested to the USS ALABAMA Battleship Foundation for the USS DRUM submarine (www.ussalabama.com/get-involved/foundation) or to Mooresville Friends Church, 50 N. Monroe St., Mooresville, IN 46158.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“They carry us beneath
their hearts,
That’s how every new
life starts.
The beating of our
mother’s heart,
The first sound that we
hear.
Love and peace
surround us...
And God...is very near.
Your mother, my
mother,
And Mary...the mother
of...God.” *

*Lyrics from “Your Mother, My Mother” – Star of Wonder – A Christmas Musical Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley.



Tomorrow is Mother’s Day. Normally, this is a joyful time to get together with family and celebrate all the mothers we know. That won’t be happening this year as we’re all staying home and practicing social distancing. We’ll send cards and my daughter-in-law, Michon, whose own mother changed her address to heaven last October, has sent me goodies from Amazon that I am waiting to open till it’s actually Mother’s Day. I’ve done a few Blue Mountain cards and sent an Amazon package or two myself. I still have my Mother’s Day cards from last year and these words are so encouraging, so loving, so worth repeating...

“To my mother. We all need someone to believe in us...in who we are and in all we can become. Someone to cheer, encourage, comfort and guide us...to give us the confidence we need to believe in ourselves and in our potential to reach our dreams. Thank you for being my someone. May you know how much your love and support mean to me and always will.”

“Family is love and laughter, strength and smiles, hope and happiness. Every Mother’s Day is a gift – a chance to go back through the memories of the heart and say thank you. For a home that was warm and welcoming and filled with life and laughter – where each day seemed to hold some small adventure and something new to learn. For a family that loves being together – that cares for each other and helps one another through all the big and little ups and downs of life...for a connection that gives meaning and purpose and joy to every day.”

I will miss being with all the mothers in my family, who are numerous, probably just like your family. But, dear friends and neighbors, our hearts are always connected. We are never truly apart as the ties of love are very strong. God made us that way. And, speaking of God, I think the best essay about mothers was written by Erma Bombeck around 1974. I’m sharing it with you as I think it’s just the right thing to say just now.

“When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of “overtime” when the angel appeared and said. “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And God said, “Have you read the specs on this order?” She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said. “Six pairs of hands.... no way.”

“It’s not the hands that are causing me problems,” God remarked, “it’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel. God nodded. “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

“God,” said the angel touching his sleeve gently, “Get some rest tomorrow....”

I can’t,” said God, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It’s too soft,” she sighed.

“But tough!” said God excitedly. “You can imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise,” said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

“There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model.”

“It’s not a leak,” said the Lord, “It’s a tear.”

“What’s it for?”

“It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

Somberly, God said, “I didn’t put it there.””

Erma Bombeck, When God Created Mothers

I’m wishing each of you a Happy Mother’s Day. Make phone calls, send a beautiful bouquet like this one in the picture, organize Zoom parties, send texts, and say I love you! Say it a lot! This is the toughest time ever for mothers, with the added joy of somehow figuring out how to be a homeschool teacher, in addition to trying to find things to keep the family at peace when everyone is on house arrest. God bless all the mothers we know!

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An important message from the Sierra Madre Police Department



The COVID-19 (also known as the Corona Virus) health crisis has opened the doors for scammers and criminals who intend to profit from these uncertain times, where seniors are particularly vulnerable. The Sierra Madre Police Department would like to make you aware of some of the latest scams that have been in the news lately.

Phishing and supply scams: Scammers impersonate health organizations and businesses to gather personal and financial information or sell fake test kits, supplies, vaccines or cures for COVID-19.

Stimulus check or economic relief scams: The government is preparing to ease the economic impact of the virus by sending money by check or direct deposit. However, the government will NOT ask for a fee to receive the funds, nor will they ask for your personal or account information.

Charity scams: Scammers will ask for donations for illegitimate or non-existent organizations.

Delivery of malware (computer viruses): Scammers will send out computer viruses disguised as legitimate internet links or sensationalized news reports.

Provider scams: Scammers impersonate doctors and hospital staff, claim to have treated a relative or friend of the intended victim for COVID-19 and demand payment for your loved one's treatment.

Bank/FDIC scams: Scammers impersonate FDIC or bank employees and falsely claim that banks are limiting access to deposits or that there are security issues with bank deposits. Then they will ask for your banking information.

Investment scams often styled as “research reports.” Scammers claim that products or services of publicly traded companies can prevent, detect or cure COVID-19 and then will ask for your financial support.

REMEMBER

The Health Department will not call your home or cell phone to offer supplies and services.

Don’t give any BANKING or other PERSONAL information to anyone over the phone.

Report any fraudulent phone calls or text messages to the IRS or to The Federal Trade Commission (at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.FTC.GOV/COMPLAINT).

Stay vigilant AND don’t open your door to anyone that you don’t know.

Please stay safe and report any suspicious activity to the
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For emergencies dial 9-1-1, or call our non-emergency line at (626) 355-1414.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, all City Council, Commission and Board meetings with be conducted virtually until further notice. The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting.

Public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com by 6:00PM. on the day of the meeting. The public may also text their comments to (626) 355-6214 by 6:00PM on the day of the meeting.

Requests to provide verbal public comment must include name, phone number, and agenda item number and must be e-mailed or texted to the above email address or phone number by 6:00PM on the day of the meeting. City staff will call the phone number provided at the appropriate public comment time.

Emails and texts will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and broadcasted on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

For more information, please contact Assistant City Clerk, Laura Aguilar in the City Clerk's Office via email at laguilar@cityofsierramadre.com or by telephone at (626) 355-7135.

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GFWC Sierra Madre Womens Club.org  Sierra Madre Womens Club

THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY BEGINS NEW CHECK-OUT SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CLOSURE.

In an effort to continue supporting our patrons during this difficult time, the Sierra Madre Public Library will offer a single, over the phone check-out per patron. To the extent to which we can, a Library Staff Member will take patron requests for materials over the phone, and materials will be checked out to the member's card and prepared for pick up. Upon arriving at the Library, patrons will call from a designated waiting area outside of the building, and a staff member will check their identification and transfer materials to them, in keeping with social distancing standards.

We at the Sierra Madre Public Library believe that everyone has the right to access materials and information; however, this opportunity will be revoked out of a greater concern for the Sierra Madre Community and City Staff, should the need arise.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work together in service of our community.



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PARK CLOSURE

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The following facilities are closed and will remain closed during and after Easter

- PLAYGROUNDS
- TENNIS COURTS
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- NATURE TRAILS
- DOG PARKS

Please continue to check the City's website and social media for updates as the situation changes. Thank you all for your cooperation.

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Some Non-essential Stores Open in Pasadena

Golf courses also open, Rose Bowl loop and hiking trails stay closed



The City of Pasadena Health Officer issued a revised order Friday consistent with state/county health orders announcing that non-essential businesses such as bookstores, toy stores, florists, music stores, clothing stores and sporting goods stores can reopen for curbside pick-up, with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols.

Prior to opening, each retailer must complete and implement a "Social Distancing Protocol" questionnaire found in the Health Guidance Document for Curbside Retail found on the city's website: cityofpasadena.net. Protocols for curbside sales include:

- Customers may not enter the store.
- Employees and customers shall wear face coverings, and customers without face coverings shall not be served.
- Social distancing shall be observed and enforced by the retailer in the designated pick-up zone or staging area.
- Complete payment in advance by offering options to purchase online or by phone. If the transaction must be conducted in person instruct employees to refrain from touching the face afterward, to accept cash or cards on a tray rather than directly into their hands, to sanitize the payment system and tray, and to wash hands with soap and water after each transaction.
- Instruct customers to call when they arrive, and to remain in their vehicles, or in the designated pick-up zone or staging area.
- Develop a process that does not require employees to touch the customer's vehicle door handle or trunk latch.
- If employees place items in customers' vehicles, they should place the items in unoccupied areas of the vehicle such as a passenger seat or trunk, and should avoid leaning into the vehicle.

Businesses must also explain the process to customers in advance by clearly communicating curbside instructions to customers by posting the process on their website and social media pages, or if transactions occur by phone, reviewing it verbally at the time of the sale.

City officials also announced that Brookside Golf Course is open as of today but Rose Bowl loop and hiking trails remain closed pending further review at Monday's city council meeting.

The city council meeting will be held at 2 p.m. by video conference/teleconference and livestreamed with captioning at: pasadenamedia.org, and at: cityofpasadena.net/commissions/agendas. For public participation goto: cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment.



Altadena Sheriff Station to Abruptly Close

By Dean Lee

Reactions came swift in Altadena as residents and community leaders expressed dismay after Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced Monday that the Altadena Sheriff's Station will close permanently July 1 due to budget shortfalls. All Altadena sheriffs services would be moved to the Crescenta Valley station five miles away.

The closing of Altadena Sheriff's Station, would garner an annual \$6.3 million savings Villanueva said.

Altadena Town Council Chair Billy Malone and Altadena Chamber of Commerce President Doug Colliflower, along with Assemblymember Chris Holden and Supervisor Kathryn Barger all sent out letters last week condemning the move.

"This station not only represents public safety in our close-knit community, it also represents the drastic change in enhanced community policing because of the hard work between citizens and law enforcement," Malone and Colliflower said jointly. "Beyond an officer's typical public safety duties, we have seen involvement in toy drives, Coffee with the Captain, school and business events, library events, Town Council meetings, Citizen of the Year awards, National Night Out, Concerts in the Park, elderly welfare checks, car shows, station open houses, Christmas Tree Lane, and many more."

Holden made clear that closing the station is unacceptable and

said additional safety issues have been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With a population of more than 42,000 residents, Altadenans are deserving of their own station. Its closure removes a key resource from the entire area needed to minimize criminal activity," he said. "There is concern about a reduction in the level of services and response time to deploy Sheriffs from the Crescenta Valley station, and the need to rely on the California Highway Patrol. This closure also diminishes the partnership between the Pasadena Police Department and their collaborative effort to effectively address gang violence and its criminal activity."

Holden said that residents remain concerned that hikers walk through without masks and do not observe social distancing. "Many of these trails start in residential neighborhoods and Sheriffs are needed to patrol these areas where breaches are occurring."

Barger said the Sheriff's Department has run a substantial deficit for some time but stressed that there are more sensible adjustments that he can make such as reducing overtime expenses and scaling back training academy classes.

As part of the \$400 million gap, Villanueva also announced the elimination of other unfunded full-time patrol positions, including: Youth Activities League (YAL), school resource deputy, Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA), Nuisance abatement, Community Relations Team and

search and rescue coordinator.

The Parks Bureau would also be eliminated and the Community Partnership Bureau (COPS) would be eliminated.

"COPS teams provide supplemental services to residences in our unincorporated areas, specifically addressing the unique and individual needs of each area by identifying crime trends, and quality of life and crime trends," Villanueva said.

He also announced cuts to detective division positions including Special Victims Bureau, Operation Safe Streets (Gang Investigations Bureau) Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau and the Major Crimes Bureau. The Special Victims Bureau investigates human trafficking, child abuse, sexual assaults. A total of \$23.5 million, is expected to be cut from that bureau alone.

The Altadena Sheriff's Station first opened in 1927 and went through a \$1.4 million renovation 2011.

At press time Friday, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission held a meeting with Villanueva about the closing and cuts although no other information was given. The Civilian Oversight Commission is set to hold a virtual town hall meeting this Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To participate or listen visit: coc.lacounty.gov.

Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station is also set to closed, saving the department \$5.9 million according to Villanueva.

For more information goto: lasd.org or call (213) 229-1850.

at the Rose Bowl Stadium and has committed to delivering lunches for five to seven weeks, or as needed. Last week, 2021 Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller surprised each nurse with a bouquet of roses, which they will receive weekly. Together with our partners, Vons and Passion Roses, the Association is showing their appreciation for essential workers.

Washington Community House Project

View the virtual presentation on the Washington Park Community House project and submit your feedback. This project is part of the Washington Park Master Plan, and design options are available for review and comment. The presentation, project background and description, and project goals can be viewed by visiting: cityofpasadena.net search "Washington Park Project." The deadline for public comment is Friday, May 15.

New COVID-19 Community Testing Site in Pasadena



Following Governor Gavin Newsom's recent announcement to add more than 80 community-testing sites across the state focused on underserved communities, a new testing site opened on Monday, in Pasadena at ChapCare's Kathryn Barger Health Center located at 1595 N. Lake Ave. This new site is one of 80 testing sites being opened across the state in collaboration with OptumServe, the federal government health services business of Optum, a leading health services innovation company.

"This testing site will help increase testing needs for individuals who have had limited access to COVID-19 tests up until now," said Margaret B. Martinez, MPH, chief executive officer for ChapCare. "We're thrilled to partner with the state, county, and OptumServe to help expand access in our communities while also helping meet California's testing goals."

To determine where to locate new testing sites, the state shared analysis on geographic distance, underserved populations, and median income, so residents have access to testing regardless of socioeconomic status. That information was then evaluated with existing testing locations and the county's priority to address high-risk populations, including nursing homes and shelters. The opening of the new site brings the total number in LA County to 36

testing locations.

"Expanding access to COVID-19 testing for Pasadenans is a key component of our strategy to gradually modify the Safer at Home Order," said Ying-Ying Goh, M.D., director and health officer of the Pasadena Public Health Department. "We are appreciative of the support from our local and state partners to offer more testing."

"Increased access to COVID testing is one of the many critical steps needed to keep Los Angeles County residents safe and help move us toward recovery," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, "The ChapCare health center in Pasadena is a great asset to the community and serves as a vital safety net in the region, as evidenced by the development of this much-needed testing location."

OptumServe has extensive expertise in rapidly deploying and setting up health care services and has worked closely with the military under the leadership of former Army Surgeon General and retired Lieutenant General Patty Horoho, RN. At maximum capacity, OptumServe will be able to support up to 80 testing sites at one time throughout the state, increasing total testing capacity by more than 10,500 tests per day.

Testing will be by appointment only. You can schedule an appointment by calling (888) 634-1123 or by visiting: lhi.care/covidtesting.

South Pasadena Trails and Dog Park Open Today

As the County of Los Angeles begins to lift restrictions on outdoor recreational amenities, the City of South Pasadena opened trails and the dog park.

Physical distancing of six feet is required and group gathering will not be permitted on trails or in parking lots. Park users over the age of two are required to wear a cloth face covering at trailheads, parking lots, within the dog park and while on trails.

All sports amenities are closed until further notice, including but not limited to playgrounds, skate parks, basketball courts, and tennis courts.

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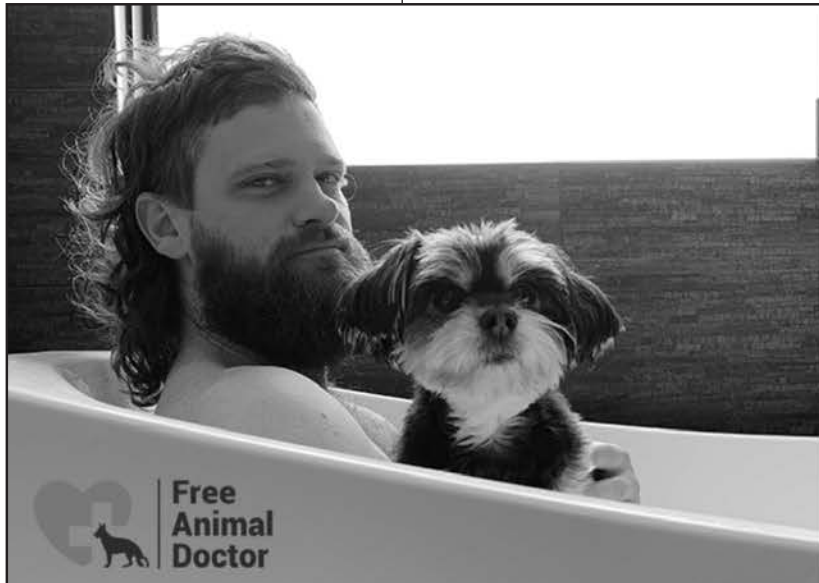
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CITY OF ARCADIA AND METHODIST HOSPITAL TO HOST VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEALTH TOWN HALL

Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

May 5, 2020 – The City of Arcadia and Methodist Hospital are joining together to host a Virtual Public Health Town Hall on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The City and Hospital are actively engaged in coordinating a unified response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As more is learned about COVID-19 and the disease's progression and impact on our community, City leaders and public health practitioners want to share lessons learned, best practices, and the latest scientific data to inform our community on effective COVID-19 transmission mitigation strategies.

“The Virtual Public Health Town Hall is part of the City’s effort to prepare the community for the next stage in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. “As we look toward the eventual lifting of stay at home orders, we want to be sure that our community is prepared, and the City is taking an active role in supporting that effort. However, until the orders are lifted, residents and businesses should still continue to follow the guidelines currently in place.”

The Virtual Public Health Town Hall will be broadcast live on the Arcadia City Television Channel (ACTV) and will also be streamed live on the City’s website at ArcadiaCA.gov/livegov. The community may also listen to and submit comments via GoToMeeting:
Phone: (872) 240-3212
Access Code: 492-717-437
Web: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/492717437>

Questions for the Virtual Public Health Town Hall can be sent via email to CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov prior to or during the meeting. GoToMeeting users may also submit their comments using the online chat feature.

The virtual Town Hall panel will consist of doctors, administrators, and public safety officials who will be sharing their experiences with COVID-19 along with answering questions from the community.

The panel will include:
Dr. Bala Chandrasekhar, Chief Medical Officer, Methodist Hospital
Cliff Daniels, Senior VP, Chief Strategy Officer, Methodist Hospital
Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager, City of Arcadia
Robert Guthrie, Police Chief, City of Arcadia
Michael Lang, Fire Chief, City of Arcadia
“Methodist Hospital is a proud partner of the City of Arcadia,” said Cliff Daniels, Chief Strategy Officer at Methodist Hospital. “We look forward to sharing our experiences with COVID-19 with the community and informing the public on best practices to reduce transmission and flatten the curve.”
For more information regarding the Virtual Public

Health Town Hall, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (626) 574-5401.

- Per the latest information from local, state, and federal public health officials, the risk of contracting the virus remains low. There are steps individuals can take to help minimize and prevent the spread of COVID-19. These include:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Avoid touching face (eyes, nose, and mouth) with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Wear face coverings in public.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
 - Practice social distancing; avoid groups; maintain at least 6 feet from others.
- Anyone who was recently in an area that is currently experiencing a high infection rate of COVID-19 and feels sick with a fever, cough, or has difficulty breathing within 14 days after leaving should:
- Seek medical care right away. Before going to a doctor’s office or emergency room, patients should call ahead and tell them about their recent travel and symptoms.
 - Self-quarantine and avoid contact with others.
 - Not travel while sick.
 - Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve (not their hands) when coughing or sneezing.

• Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading the virus to others. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

For more information regarding the COVID-19, please visit any of the following websites:

Federal Guidance – [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
State of California Guidance – [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov)
California Department of Public Health – [cdph.gov](https://www.cdph.gov)
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health – publichealth.lacounty.gov
National Domestic Violence Hotline – [thehotline.org](https://www.thehotline.org) – (800) 799-7233
National Suicide Prevention Hotline – suicidepreventionlifeline.org – (800) 273-8255

For more information regarding the City of Arcadia’s response to COVID-19 along with future updates regarding City services, text [ARCADIACOV19to888777forSMSupdatesorpleasevisitusatArcadiaCA.gov/covid19](https://www.ARCADIACOV19to888777forSMSupdatesorpleasevisitusatArcadiaCA.gov/covid19) or contact us at (626) 574-5401. ##

HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE TO REOPEN ON MAY 8

The City is preparing plans to open trail systems in the coming days. We are thrilled to announce the Hillside Wilderness Preserve will open on Friday, May 8. Even though the City has suspended most parking enforcement, it is conducting parking enforcement for public health and safety reasons. The City will be enforcing parking restrictions near the HWP entrances. Canyon Park will remain closed this weekend as we prepare for weekday openings. We also wish to point out that shorter trail systems exist at our urban parks including Recreation, Library and Lucinda Garcia Park. Happy hiking!

DUARTE RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND GOLF COURSE TO OPEN TODAY MAY 8; SELECT BUSINESSES ALLOWED TO OPEN

Reacting to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Five Stage Plan to re-open the County, the City of Duarte is transitioning into Stage 2. This stage includes the re-opening of trails, trail-heads, golf courses, car dealership showrooms, and stores that sell toys, books, clothing, sporting goods, flowers and music following the revised "safer-at-home" orders. These orders include curbside pick-up, contactless payment procedures, hand sanitizer available for employees and customers, and ensuring that employees have the proper protective gear. In Duarte, residents can now resume activity on the Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail, the Encanto Nature Walk and city parks as long as face masks and physical distancing practices are utilized. Play-ground and exercise equipment will remain closed and restrooms are still open.


The Restaurant Association in cooperation with the Governor’s office will be announcing guidelines for restaurant re-openings on May 12th. Pro shops and dine-in restaurants at golf courses and county beaches will remain closed.

From there, County officials can decide independently how quickly to move through Stage 2 as long as they meet their local public health criteria. For more information on the gradual re-opening of City operations and facilities click here. For up-to-date information on the various stages of re-opening LA County, visit its COVID-19 website at covid19.lacounty.gov/recovery.

MONROVIA PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Monrovia City Council approved several measure to positively impact the community during this difficult time, including suspending parking enforcement activities except for illegal parking considered a hazard or danger to the public. Since suspending parking enforcement, the City has noticed an increase in recreational vehicles parking on the street for several days at a time.

In accordance with Chapter 10.14 of the Monrovia Municipal Code, RV owners are required to purchase a "RV Permit" or a "RV Guest Permit" for non-residents to park their RVs overnight on city streets. View the RV Permit and RV Guest Permit parking passes application. A parking permit cost \$5 per day, and is valid for up to three days.



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San Marino Lacy Park Open for Mother’s Day

The city of Marino announced Thursday a continued effort to prioritize keeping Lacy Park open as a safe and healthy respite for our community. Following the County’s decision to rescind the closer of their parks on Mother’s Day, and the city therefore said they feel comfortable doing the

same. Lacy Park will now remain open on Mother’s Day. Please remember that you still must maintain proper physical distancing from anyone not in your immediate household. “Thank you for your understanding and support, and we hope you all have a wonderful Mother’s Day weekend.”

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, April 19th
5:45 PM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the area of Raymond Avenue and Montana Street. Vehicle described as a white 2000 Mercedes ML430. Two suspects were taken into custody and investigation is on-going.
Monday, April 20th
12:20 AM – An attempt residential burglary occurred in the 2000 block of Minoru Drive. Suspect(s) attempted to enter the residence by prying the door. No entry. 3:30 PM – A battery occurred in the 2000 block of Galbreth Road. Suspect has been identified. 4:00 PM – A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1500 block of Valencia Avenue. Stolen: silver Swarovski sunglasses, gold Bvlgari sunglasses, gold RayBan sunglasses, gold titanium Warby Parker sunglasses, blue Origins grocery bag

and currency. 4:10 PM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 700 block of E. Sacramento Street. Suspect was taken into custody. Between 6:00 PM and 1:30 PM (Tuesday) – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2200 block of Casitas Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by cutting the lock. Stolen: gardening tools. Tuesday, April 21st
4:00 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 2100 block of Grand Oaks Avenue. Suspect has been identified. Wednesday, April 22nd
4:40 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 2600 block of Fair Oaks Avenue. Suspects were taken into custody. Between 9:50 PM and 10:00 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 2500 block of E. Washington Boulevard. Stolen: red and black Minnie Mouse purse, burgundy LG cellphone and currency.

Altadena 24th Annual Free Summer Concerts

The Rotary Club of Altadena in association with the Sheriff’s Support Group of Altadena is announcing the 24th Annual FREE Summer Concerts in the beautiful outdoor Amphitheater in Farnsworth Park, 568 E. Mt. Curve Ave. All Concerts are on Saturday evening and start at 7:00 PM. This year’s season kicks off on July 11th (the weekend after the 4th of July) with Psychedelic Summer a Woodstock era tribute band. The July 18th concert will host The Kings of 88 with the music of Billy Joel, Elton John and Classic Piano Rock & Roll. On July 25th The Horads will perform with their California Beach Music and Disco in the mix. On August 1st we are showcasing SGT Pepper a wonderful Beatles tribute band. August 8th Upstream returns to provide Reggae,

Soca, and Caribbean tunes - bring your dancing shoes! On August 15th We welcome Country Nation a great mix of classic country, new country and popular dance music. On August 22nd we welcome Flogging Seagulls 80’s party music, performed with an Irish-Celtic twist! August 29th Gypsy Tribute with the music of Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac. The Grand Finale of the 24th Summer Concert Series will be on September 12th featuring a special band selected by our partners the Sheriff’s Support Group of Altadena with The Walking Phoenixes – a tribute to Johnny Cash. Note that due to COVID-19 and the Shelter in Place and Stay At Home orders currently in place the schedule is subject to change.

San Marino Launches Tree Rebate Program

This week, in honor of Earth Day, the city of San Marino announced the launch of the City’s Heritage Tree Rebate Program which is aimed at encouraging residents to plant heritage trees in their front yards. Depending on the size of the heritage tree planted, the rebate will range from a minimum of \$50 to a maximum of \$250. To qualify, the tree must be a heritage tree from a list available on the city website, and it must be a minimum of 15 gallons in size. They also encourage you to watch this informative video of Mayor Shepherd Romey and Urban Forester Sam Estrada talking about the City’s tree preservation efforts and giving a basic tree care tutorial. To watch the video or more information and to fill out the rebate form visit: cityofsanmarino.org/news. Trees are a foundational layer of our beautiful community. The Tree Preservation Ordinance, which became effective February 8, 2019,

focuses on the protection and reforestation of our City to enhance this valuable community asset. To ensure that the City maintains this asset, the City would like to take this opportunity to remind the community of the key components of the Tree Preservation requirements. In your review of the Tree Preservation Ordinance, it is important to note the definitions of Established Trees and Heritage Trees, the notification and posting requirements, the requirements to obtain a permit, obtaining a licensed tree trimmer and the penalties for violating the requirements. For your reference, the following link will direct you to the Tree Preservation Ordinance and the Tree Preservation Summary and Guidelines: cityofsanmarino.org/government/departments/planning_building/index.php. For questions contact Urban Forester Sam Estrada at (626) 300-0774.

South Pasadena wants your Input on the City Budget

The survey is available through May 17. Council to adopt a budget on June 17.

The City of South Pasadena is facing financial challenges as a result of the current economic climate and needs feedback from residents regarding priorities for City resources. Due to the health crisis and social distancing guidelines, the City has created a fully digital community budget engagement program. The platform includes visual information about the municipal budget accompanied by narratives from each department, an interactive activity that allows residents to adjust the priorities for city departments and see the tradeoffs of their choices, and a survey on specific City services and programs. The community budget engagement program was developed by staff to facilitate a dialogue between residents and the City to better understand community priorities for future spending. The City will be collecting responses to the survey

through May 17. A draft budget will be presented to the Finance Commission and the City Council at public meetings. The City Council is scheduled to adopt a budget on June 17. The Budget serves as a “blueprint” for providing City services and as a working financial plan for the fiscal year. It reflects City policies, goals, and priorities and provides an overall plan for allocating City resources to a variety of programs and services. The budget process has evolved with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the economy. The City of South Pasadena forecasts immediate budget deficits that will hinder its ability to maintain service levels. While there are many uncertainties and changes that will inevitably dictate the City’s financial future we will be proposing a budget to serve as a reference point for the city’s future plans. If you would like to participate in the budget process, please visit: southpasadenaca.gov or submit your comment to: budget@southpasadenaca.gov.

South Pasadena Allows Temporary Signage

Support Local Businesses During COVID-19 Emergency

In an effort to support local restaurants and other businesses providing essential services during the COVID-19 outbreak, the City of South Pasadena is relaxing temporary signage (banners, window signs, and sandwich boards) requirements for businesses to more effectively communicate with customers their location, available services, hours of operation and how to get take-out orders. The City will provide a temporary waiver of some of

- the Sign Permit Requirements, and no fees would be required for the temporary signs.
- However, businesses must obtain a no-cost encroachment permit to ensure that all temporary signage adheres to the following guidelines:
- Sign width is not to exceed 6 square feet and sign height is not to exceed 48 inches.
 - Up to two temporary, on-site signs per business (only one can be located in the public right of way).
 - Signs located in the public right of way must maintain a minimum clearance of 36 inches on sidewalks and no obstruction to vehicular sight lines.
 - Temporary window signs are

South Pasadena Board and Commission Special Meetings

South Pasadena city officials announced that the Design Review Board will hold a Special Public Hearing on Thursday, May 14, at 3:00 p.m. remotely by video conference. The Planning Commission is holding a special meeting

on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. also remotely by video conference. The meetings will be broadcast live on the local cable channel and on the city’s website, and a recording of the meeting will be available within 48 hours of the meeting adjournment at southpasadenaca.gov.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND TRAILS REOPEN SATURDAY, MAY 9; PARKS REMAIN OPEN MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 10

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) will reopen its golf courses and trails on Saturday, May 9. Local, community, and regional parks will stay open on Sunday, May 10. LA County Parks invites the public to safely enjoy its parks, golf courses, and trails by following guidelines and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

LA County Parks is taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of park guests, team members, and the community remains the top priority upon reopening. LA County Parks will launch a park monitor program at golf courses, trails, and local and regional parks with high visitors to remind players, visitors, and trail users of physical distancing and no group gathering requirements that remain in place. Staff training, prominent signage, and operations protocols are also part of the department's necessary preparation and deployment for reopening.

The development of these protocols comes after consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and input from the Golf Re-Opening Task Force and the Countywide Trail Re-Opening Task Force consisting of Local, State and Federal Parks and Recreation organizations and trail managing partners. Adherence is critical to safely operate these open facilities so the community can enjoy the emotional and physical benefits provided by golf and trails.

As COVID-19 is a fluid crisis with rapid changes affecting park facilities, LA County Parks continues to assess operations daily in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on necessary safety precautions.

While LA County Parks' golf courses and trails will reopen, there are specific restrictions and safety guidelines that the public must follow in accordance with the health officer order. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Golf Courses – Reopening on Saturday, May 9

- Golf courses are open for regular play of no more than 4 players per tee time. Tee times will be at least 10 minutes apart. No tournaments or group play.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet always required. No group gathering allowed on the course or in the parking lot.
- Online reservations and payment recommended. Golf courses will accept payment online, and only by debit, credit, or gift card in person.
- Push carts and walking recommended. Golf carts are limited to single riders.
- Rental golf clubs and push carts are not available.
- Bring your own water. Drinking fountains are closed.
- Golfers may not touch, remove or adjust the flagstick during their round. Course green cups are touchless. Rakes, ball washers, benches, divot boxes, and sand bottles will be removed.
- Driving ranges open. The one-hour time limit may be enforced. Practice putting and chipping greens remain closed.
- Clubhouses and pro shops remain closed. Restaurants and cafes open for take-out only.

Trails – Reopening on Saturday, May 9

- Trail users are encouraged to check the Trails LA County website prior to visiting trails for updated lists of open trails, safety guidelines, notifications, and up-to-date information. The trail's website offers information for over 600 miles of trails, including trails managed by partner agencies that residents can visit and experience the wonderful outdoors.
- Download the Trails LA County mobile app before heading out for real-time updates and offline location tracking and trail information to explore the extensive trail network within our diverse landscapes across the County.
- Do not visit public trails and trailheads if feeling sick and/or exhibiting any symptoms of illness.
- Follow all posted regulations at trails and trailhead facilities.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet always required. No group gathering allowed on trails or in the parking lot.
- Limit visits to members of your household only.
- Everyone needs a face covering at the trailhead/parking lots and on any trails where there are other groups of people nearby.

- o Infants and children under the age of 2 should not wear cloth face coverings. Those between the ages of 2 and 8 should use them but under adult supervision to ensure that the child can breathe safely and avoid choking or suffocation. Children with breathing problems should not wear a face covering.
- Consider avoiding popular locations that are prone to crowds.
- Alert trail users of your presence and step aside to let others pass.
- Bring water, hand sanitizer, and/or disinfecting wipes to wash or sanitize hands frequently.
- Practice the leave-no-trace principles on the trails to protect park staff and wildlife, (take your trash).

- Mother's Day – Parks stay open, botanic gardens closed on Sunday, May 10
- Local, community and regional parks will remain open on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, for passive use, such as walking, jogging, and leisure time outdoors for individuals or families.
- Botanic gardens will be closed Sunday, May 10.
- Since the holiday is one of the busiest days of the year, LA County Parks reminds all park guests that physical distancing is required, and group gatherings are prohibited by the health order.

For more information on closures and changes in response to COVID-19, visit the LA County Parks website at <https://parks.lacounty.gov/covid-19>.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The phenomenon of Mother's Day goes well back to ancient Greek times, and really only in the past 100 years have we celebrated here in the United States (in Mexico it's celebrated on Thursday May 10th). I heard on a radio commercial "don't get mom a card this year, get her something she really wants." Okay, it didn't say, "get her a bottle of wine", but for the sake of this article let's get her a bottle of wine. Here are three wines that I have enjoyed with my mom.

For sparkling wine fans, I really like the Domaine Carneros - affordable and easily found in your local supermarket aisles. This wine is as close to real champagne that I ever had!! Planning a backyard/Virtual BBQ for mom? This sparkler is perfect..

I see the billboards all over town, "come Stellabrate". Stella Rosa Prosecco is the perfect wine for the pre-meal toast. The wine is full of mousse (bubbles) and goes well with light appetizers such as cheese and crackers. I've lost count of how many Stella Rosa products are on the shelves, but they are all light on calories and alcohol content. The price point is about \$15 so you could afford two.

Last but not least, a chardonnay. Moms love chardonnay - they can put a little ice in the glass or drink at room temperature. The Pouilly Fuisse, Louis Jadot's white wine made with chardonnay grapes, is the pick here. It's from Burgundy, France, but not bad on the wallet, and has a crispness that makes it an exceptional wine. It retails for about \$25. There are white wines from the same region for a few dollars more, but hey - it's mom we are talking here. Don't be stingy! Whatever direction you take, have a great Mother's Day!

My mom just recently passed, but I will hoist this glass in her honor and for that matter to you as well. Dining with Dills Radio Show Sunday at 5 PM AM 830 KLAA plus



ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

COVID-19

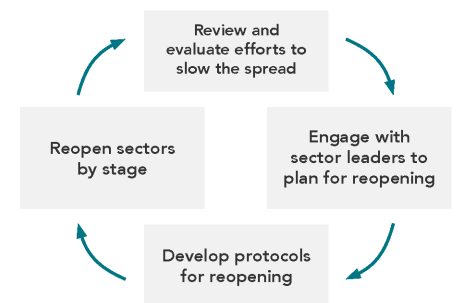
A PHASED APPROACH TO REOPENING SAFELY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County has worked together to slow the spread of COVID-19 by following the Safer at Home order. As we plan for recovery and the gradual relaxing of Safer at Home, we are sharing the Department of Public Health's Roadmap to Recovery. This provides goalposts for reopening as safely as possible.

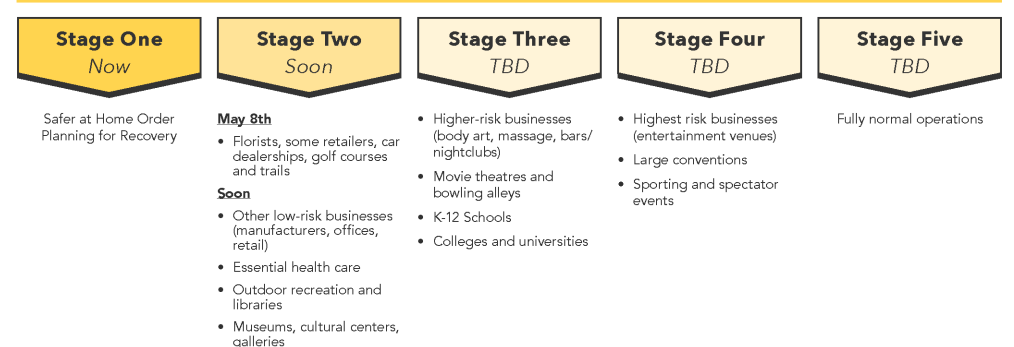
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Process for Staged Reopening



Five-Stage Reopening Process Based On Risk

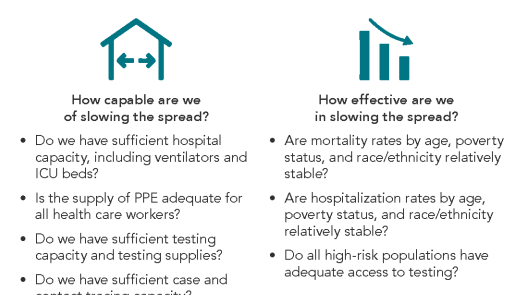


Planning For Safe Reopening

Each sector will have reopening protocols that address the following areas of concern:



Are We Slowing The Spread?



What You Need To Know About Novel Coronavirus

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- Wash hands after emptying waste baskets, touching tissues and similar waste.

READ THE LABELS ON CLEANING PRODUCTS



- Follow the instructions on the product labels, including wearing gloves and having good ventilation.
- Use household cleaners and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface.
- To find out if the product works against viruses, read the product label, call the 1-800 number on the label or visit <http://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
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OUTDOOR EDUCATOR ED PARKER

If you've grown tired of the "survival experiences" packaged neatly on TV, meet the Real McCoy, Ed Parker of Altadena. Parker is an avid outdoor professional who has been teaching environmental outdoor education for over 30 years. He has taught for the North Carolina Outward Bound School, Crossroads School in Santa Monica, and several charter schools. He has been a rope course facilitator, certified wilderness first responder, certified top rope site manager from American Mountain Guides Association through the '90s. He's been a backcountry Ranger for the forest service, and he currently teaches Wilderness First Aid as an instructor for the Outward Bound Adventures program, located on the John Muir High School campus in Pasadena.

"I love mountaineering and ice climbing, snow shoeing and cross country skiing, sea kayaking and just anything that has to do with the outdoors. That's why I also like bicycling. I'm out in the elements all year round. That's how I get away with wearing shorts all year because I acclimate to the season from my daily bicycle rides."

As a child of a military family, Parker's family moved around -- from Los Angeles to New Jersey to Germany to Texas to Washington State and back to California. His father was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany for two and half years. He was a Webelo Scout in Texas, and back in California, got Scout training through Troop 70 of Altadena, which furthered his knowledge and experience in backpacking.

Parker began his outdoor education training in the 1970s, fresh out of high school, participating in two trips in the Sierra, and one backpacking trip to Mexico. For seven years he worked as one of the lead instructors for A-16 outdoor sporting goods store, where he had to get certified as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR). He has also led rock climbing classes, where he had to get certified with the American Mountain Guide Association.

He leads outdoor awareness walks into the local canyons above Altadena, typically leading trips for underserved communities, such as inner city youth who never have the opportunity to get into the wilderness. According to Parker, one of his greatest pleasures comes from hearing the excitement from inner city youth after their first exposure to the outdoors, and hearing their comments as they see the Milky Way for the first time. He's not had many bad experiences during his time as a nature guide. He recounts one episode where he was one of two instructors, and the ten teenagers "went on strike" half way through the trip. "These were privileged kids who no longer wanted to carry their backs. We just told them to work it out on their own. Eventually, they realized that they had to eat, and they had to walk out with their packs if they ever wanted to get home." Parker's agenda when he guides youth is very specific. "Planning and preparation is the key," says Parker with his gregarious smile. "In our planning trips, we go over the maps, use of the compass, weather observation, fire safety, and how to dress properly." First aid is a big part of Parker's training.

Besides his outdoor teaching, Parker is also a life-long bicyclist who -- until just a few years ago -- rode his bike every day of the week except Sundays, when he typically hiked in the local mountains. He averaged about 1750 miles a year on his bicycle.

"I have been a cyclist my entire life," says Parker. "Even as a boy, I loved my bicycle adventures around Altadena and Pasadena, to the Arboretum in Arcadia and down into the Arroyo Seco before 'mountain biking' was even invented."

Parker, who is now 62, has only owned one car in his adult life. "While living in Germany, I received a three speed Raleigh bicycle which I rode all over. My mother would ride us to town which meant an hour or so ride to get there, and then back. Back in Altadena, I rode my bicycle to school every day, through my days at John Muir High School," he explains. Though Parker has never competed in cycling, he has trained and ridden with first class racers like the Gomez brothers of Pasadena and Altadena resident Ricci Strange.

According to Parker, "Cycling is freedom. I can beat the bus from minutes to hours. When I go out with my friends, I am the one who's there first picking a nice table for dinner while the others are still trying to find a parking space for their cars." Parker adds that cycling is an excellent form of soft exercise to start with especially if you have not exercised in some time. It is easy on your muscles, and anyone can get a good cardio workout which helps firm the legs, arms, and other parts of the body.

Ed Parker can be reached at edventuring@gmail.com.



Safer at Home

You Can

- Go to the grocery store and order food delivery
- Get medication or supplies
- Go to the bank or post office
- Call a plumber, electrician, or exterminator
- Go to the gas station or auto repair shop
- Ride public transit, walk, bike, and drive

****Always practice social distancing and wash your hands**

You Can't

- Host a gathering larger than 10 people
- Hoard supplies or overbuy
- Go to a bar or club, except to take food to go
- Go to a gym, theater, bowling alley, arcade, or music venue
- Dine in at a restaurant
- Go to a playground
- Go to a nonessential retail store or mall
- Put seniors or those with underlying health conditions at risk

Kathryn BARGER

WHAT OLDER DIABETICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS*Dear Savvy Senior:**My husband and I are both in our late sixties and have diabetes. We would like to find out if our diabetes increases our risk of getting the coronavirus. Concerned Diabetics*

Dear Concerned:

Currently, there's not enough data to show that people with diabetes are more likely to get coronavirus (COVID-19) than the general population. But the problem for diabetics is, if you do happen to contract the virus, your chance of developing serious complications are much higher. This is especially true if your diabetes isn't well-controlled. Here's what you should know.

Diabetic Risks

Health data is showing that about 25 percent of people who go to the hospital with severe COVID-19 infections have diabetes. One reason is that high blood sugar weakens the immune system and makes it less able to fight off infections. Your risk of severe coronavirus infection is even higher if you also have another condition, like heart or lung disease.

If you do get COVID-19, the infection could also put you at greater risk for diabetes complications like diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which happens when high levels of acids called ketones build up in your blood.

Some people who catch the new coronavirus have a dangerous body-wide response to it, called sepsis. To treat sepsis, doctors need to manage your body's fluid and electrolyte levels. DKA causes you to lose electrolytes, which can make sepsis harder to control.

How to Avoid COVID-19

The best way to avoid getting sick is to stay home as much as you can. If you have to go out, keep at least 6 feet away from other people. And every time you come back from the supermarket, pharmacy or another public place, wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

Also wash your hands before you give yourself a finger stick or insulin shot. Clean each site first with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.

To protect you, everyone in your house should wash their hands often, especially before they cook for the family. Don't share any utensils or other personal items. And if anyone in your house is sick, they should stay in their own room, as far as possible from you.

The CDC also recommends that you stock up on medications and diabetes testing supplies to last for at least a month. The same goes for grocery supplies and other household necessities.

Also know that Medicare is now covering the cost of telehealth visits, so if you have questions for your doctor, you can ask by video chat or phone instead of going into the office.

If You Get Sick

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a dry cough, fever, or shortness of breath. If you develop any symptoms that are concerning, call your doctor about getting tested.

If you find that you have contracted COVID-19, the first level of care is to stay home and check your blood sugar more often than usual and check your ketones too. COVID-19 can reduce your appetite and cause you to eat less, which could affect your levels. You also need more fluids than usual when you're sick, so keep water close by, and drink it often.

You should also know that many over-the-counter medicines that relieve virus symptoms like fever or cough can affect your blood sugar levels one way or the other. So, before you take anything check with your doctor.

And be aware that if you start experiencing severe shortness of breath, high levels of ketones or DKA symptoms like severe weakness, body aches, vomiting or belly pain, you need to see your doctor or get to an emergency room right away.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett**PROTECTING YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS FROM UNDUE INFLUENCE DURING COVID AND BEYOND**

It's an unfortunate fact that predators emerge during times of crisis to take advantage of people. That means the COVID-19 pandemic can leave your elderly parents vulnerable in more ways than one. But even when things go back to normal, this chronic problem of financial exploitation will still be a risk.

We see it happen far too often. Maybe your parents live several hours away, or in another state or country, and someone in their community gets close to them. Or maybe they have a close relationship with a financial advisor who isn't really looking out for their best interests. This person could even be another family member, friend, business partner, hired caregiver, professional advisor, or just a casual acquaintance.

Sometimes, when bad actors become involved with your parents' lives and assets, it can lead not only to a loss of money, but even a loss of personal freedom. One of the worst cases of this I've heard of is the case of Milo, a retired veteran living in Arizona, and his son Greg, who lives in California. It all started when Milo asked Greg to help him protect his small amount of money from a family member who was "borrowing" it freely. All Milo had was a savings of \$140,000 and payments of \$3,700 per month from social security, a pension, and veteran's benefits.

To help his father out, Greg applied for guardianship of Milo's money, and the court granted it. But at the same time, without notifying Greg, the court appointed a professional financial Conservator that neither Milo nor Greg knew. The Conservator quickly set to draining Milo's small savings, with the court barring Greg from filing any more motions.

The situation escalated even further when the Conservator decided to move Milo from his assisted living facility to a cheap lock-down facility where he wouldn't even have access to the outdoors. This would, of course, free up more money for the Conservator to access. Before this could happen, though, Greg hurried to pick his father up and bring him back to California with him.

Now, the two are essentially on-the-run from authorities, who are trying to bring Milo back to Arizona and under the control of the Conservator. Milo and Greg are out of funds and are now trying to raise capital to mount a legal battle and free Milo from this terrible situation.

The scariest part is that Milo and Greg had all the proper legal documents in place. Sometimes, though, that is not enough to protect your parents from being taken advantage of—even to this extreme. Especially in a time of stress and confusion like the COVID-19 pandemic we are currently living in, it is vital to be vigilant and get the best possible counsel to avoid something like this happening.

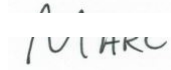
This isn't meant to make you paranoid or distrustful of the people around you, or of how your parents handle their own lives. Well, maybe it is a little. Mostly, though, it's a call to encourage you and your family to be aware, educated, and empowered in knowing what risks are possible for your parents, and for your future inheritance.

Look out for the following "red flag" actions from influencers:

1. Preventing important communication between family members;
2. Withholding documents from other family members;
3. Encouraging financial gifts or economic benefits to recently met connections (usually in the same network as your parents' "new friend");
4. Naming recently met connections as attorney-in-fact (under a financial power of attorney), or as a joint owner on financial accounts, real estate, and other assets;
5. Giving financial advice that may not be in your or your parents' best interests, but rather in the interests of the advisor.

We recommend you start talking with your elderly parents now about how they want their affairs to be handled. Also, you should immediately investigate any situation where you suspect your loved ones are being taken advantage of. There have been too many cases of financial abuse or inappropriate influence where family members are too late to stop the bad actor.

Ideally, you'll know the value of your parents' tangible assets (i.e., home, car, business, stocks) and intangible assets (i.e., generational stories, personal relationships, theological legacies). Additionally, you should be working with an advisor to help you understand how family dynamics and the law will impact you, and everything that matters to you and your parents when they're gone.



Dedicated to empowering your family, building your wealth and defining your legacy, A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love

most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.CaliLaw.com for more information.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...May Birthdays***

Beth Copti, Marilyn Diaz, Anne Schryver, Jo Ann Williams, Paul Hagan, Lenore Crilly Joann Serrato-Chi, Harriett Lyle, Jean Coleman, Birgitta Gerlinger, Donna Mathieson, Luciana Rosenzweig, Linda Wochnik, Marian Woodford, Debbie Sheridan, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jane Thomas, Ray Burley.

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

1. Community Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members. If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Senior Moments Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on the email group, please send your request with email address to the following team members: Lawren Heinz at lhein@cityofsierramadre.com or Clarissa Lowe at clowe@cityofsierramadre.com

2. Community Services Department will continue Electronic Seniors Newsletter on a weekly-basis distribution.

3. Community Services Department will continue with mail drop-off of newsletters at the Sierra Madre U.S. Post Office Box (unless otherwise advised).

4. City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

5. Mater Dolorosa - Sierra Madre Meal Pick-Up Program provides seal-packaged frozen meals, 5-per person every

Thursday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Hart Park House Senior Center 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Donations are accepted.

Call (626) 355-7394.

6. YWCA Intervale Meal Program - Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020

YWCA has transitioned their distribution of take home meals at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House Senior Center to a home-delivery meal program.

Participants previously reserved for meal pick-up as of Wednesday, 3/25/20 were informed that they would begin to have their meals delivered to their homes, beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2020 until further notice.

For any additional participants calling in that are at a high risk and need meals delivered to, please provide us their name, date of birth (they must be 60+), address and phone number and Community Services Department will forward this information to our County Contact.

NIXLE Alerts which send messages through public safety agencies via cell phones and social media networks will be issued through the Sierra Madre Police Department. This enables local response agencies to get that information into the community as quickly as possible. VOICE TO TEXT messages from Police Department will further offer automatic pre-recorded voice messages that reach approximately 4,000 phones within our community. Social Media platforms will include direct phone numbers provided by PD to the pre-recorded messages for accessibility.

Anyone interested in receiving the NIXLE alerts may do so from their mobile phone:

hit 888-777 and follow the prompts. OR go to Nixle.com and do the same. For non-emergency help or guidance on Nixle, please call 626-355-1414.

Sierra Madre Channel 3 will provide information and what the city is doing for the Senior Community, including transportation and food services.

Currently, Sierra Madre transit support has been operating in accordance with our regular schedule and will continue as such. Extra precautions are being taken with the sanitization and cleaning of buses due to the recent circumstances.

Pasadena Senior Center, has also provided a resource, Telephone Reassurance Program, which offers daily calls to home bound seniors to provide support and contact with others on a regular basis. If any senior, in this time of emergency, finds themselves home bound and needs to talk with someone, please refer them to

(626) 685-6732 and they are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

**WHEN EVERYTHING FAILS, IT'S OVER**

During this time of seclusion, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly has spent some significant time binge-watching some of those Hallmark mystery movies. After a while, they all look alike, but my wife loves them, therefore, so do I.

The other night as we were watching, one of the characters was a very old, grouchy, mean-looking woman who had nothing nice to say about anybody. I usually groan whenever I saw her. In the middle of the movie, my wife looked at me and said, "Does that woman remind you of anybody?" Whenever my wife asked me a question, I never know if it is a trick question or if she is looking for information. Most of the time, she is not looking for information. Therefore, I responded in the negative. "Just look at her," my wife explained, "doesn't she remind you of Aunt Flora? I paused for a moment and then responded, "Oh, my goodness. She sure does." I wished she would not have brought that subject up. I had not thought of Aunt Flora for years. I only knew her for the last 10 years of her life. Aunt Flora was a very grouchy, complaining old woman. She could find a dark cloud in every burst of sunshine. No matter how good a situation might be, she could find the bad in it and exploit it.

Not only was she grouchy, but she was the neighborhood gossip. She knew things a few days before they actually happened. If you did not want anybody else to know, you certainly did not tell Aunt Flora. What Aunt Flora did not know was, when you wanted the whole community to know something, you whispered it into Aunt Flora's ear.

I never spent too much time with her, but I remember one time she gave me some advice.

"Sonny," she couldn't remember my name, "when everything fails, it's over." I cannot tell you how many times I heard her say that. If anybody knew anything about failure, it was her. As far as I know, and I could be wrong, she had three failed marriages. Knowing her as I knew her at the time, I can fully understand why her marriages failed. I often thought it would be great to find one of those ex-husbands and talk about what he thought about my aunt Flora. I am sure I would have had several ears full of material. As far as I know, nobody knew where those husbands were. I do not think I am going to dig any deeper than that. During a commercial in the movie we were watching, I talked to my wife about my aunt Flora in the kind of person she was. My wife knew Aunt Flora for a relatively short time, but you only had to meet her once to know what she was really all about. "Do you know who Aunt Flora reminded me of?"

I stared at my wife a little bit, shook my head, and said, "No. Who does she remind you of?" I was prepared for a whole lot of comparisons. Thinking for a moment, she finally said, "Aunt Flora reminds me of Job's wife in the Old Testament." That sure got me thinking. Never for once did I think that Aunt Flora was anywhere close to some Bible character. However, as we talked about it, I begin to see her point of view. Aunt Flora was certainly a modern-day Mrs. Job.

You remember the story in the Old Testament. The story of Job and all of the conflict, problems and disaster that came down upon him. He did not know what was coming, did not know when it was coming or why it was coming, but all kinds of problems surrounded him.

Amid those problems, Mrs. Job comes to her husband and says, "Curse God, and die" (Job 2:9). I cannot imagine any wife saying such a thing to her husband. Yet, that is exactly what old Aunt Flora would have done. Who knows, maybe she did say that many times to her ex-husbands.

I do not know how Job really got through all his problems, particularly when he did not have a wife to support him. I think she had the same attitude as Aunt Flora.

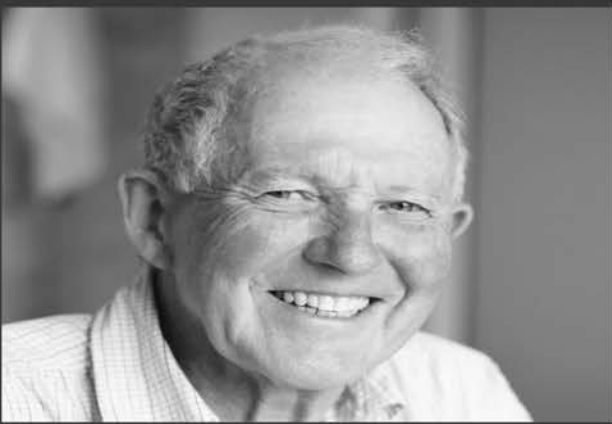
What I like about Job was, despite his wife's encouragement to give up, Job said something that amazes me. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15a).

Job did not hold to the same ideas as Mrs. Job or Aunt Flora, which says, "When everything fails, it's over."

Talking with Aunt Flora, I would always come away discouraged and depressed. She had not a positive thing to say about anything or anybody. If you were on a high and you wanted to find a way down, just spend time with Aunt Flora.

While we were talking about Aunt Flora, I happen to think of one of my favorite verses in the Bible. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In one way, Aunt Flora was right. When everything fails, it's over. But not the way she thought. Looking at it from Job's point of view, when everything fails, it is time for God to do what only God can do.



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LIVES VERSUS LIVELIHOOD WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

Today as the death toll from the Coronavirus keeps rising every individual is faced with a very difficult decision. Is it better to stay home removed from the possibility of infection (or at least as far removed as one get)? Or, is it better to take one's life into one's hands and go back to work, if your work is still there, in order to help yourself and the economy at large. It is an almost Shakespearean question much like the decision faced by Hamlet:

"To be, or not to be—that is the question
Whether 't 'is nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles
And by opposing them end them.

Enough Shakespeare, but I think by using this quote it gives this article a little class which it can certainly use. As a few of you might recall Hamlet made his decision and chose to do battle because he was disgusted by what he had learned about the behavior of his Uncle, the King. Hamlet tries to avenge the wrongs that have been committed and by the end of the play just about everyone dies. There are some real parallels here. I, along with many of you, am truly disgusted by the behavior of our President, who would love being King. He has lied to the public over ten thousand times. He has dismissed important officials and even Cabinet members who have tried to stand up to his lies and to tell the public the truth. He has appointed members of his family and their cronies to important positions for which they were completely unqualified and inexperienced. He and his friends have corruptly used inside information to profit from his position. Worst of all, I believe, is that he is in over his head, incompetent, and unable to perform the responsibilities connected to his position. And one more thing—he doesn't seem to care. All that is important to him is to WIN re-election or whatever game he is playing.

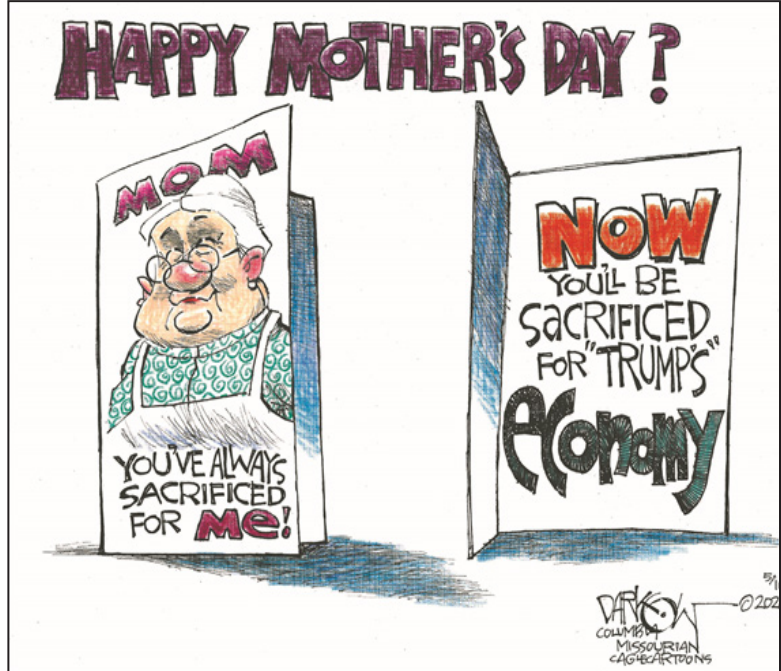
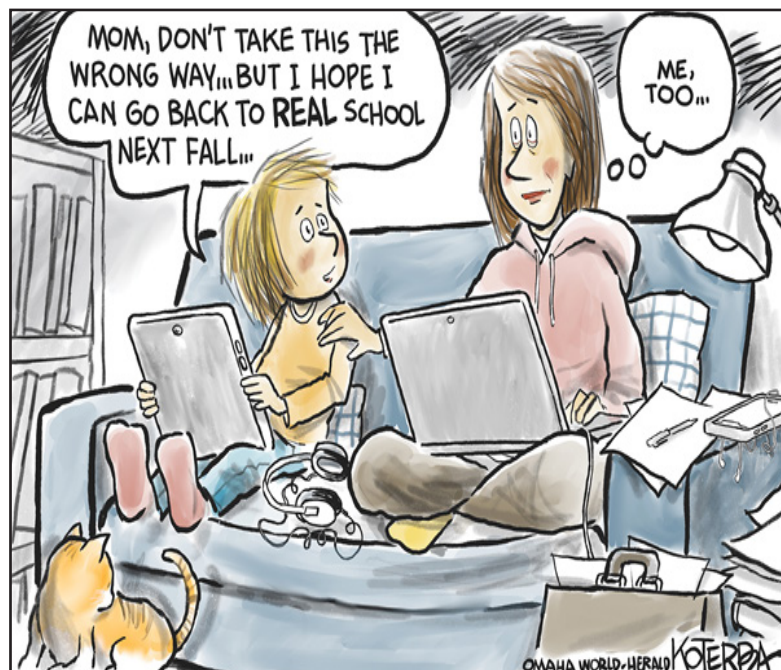
I know that many of you (my treasured imaginary readers) will agree with my assessments and perhaps many of you (I don't know how) will completely disagree and will have tuned into another reality. Nevertheless, one undisputed reality faces all of us today. The death toll is rising and the economy is failing. What are we to do- stay home and protect ourselves until it is safe to emerge or go out into the world, back to our jobs and businesses and attempt to pay our bills and take care of our families. Let me tell you at the outset that I am in a very privileged position in that I am 76 years old with multiple underlying serious medical conditions. I retired at the beginning of this year after 51 years of lawyering and am living now off fixed monthly Social Security payments combined with my wife's (also retired) pensions.

Additionally, recently my daughter gave birth to our first and only grandchild. Fortunately for us, and perhaps few others, day care facilities have closed and my daughter, an overworked attorney, has requested our help in taking care of the baby. For me this has been an immense, unimaginable pleasure. Really my wife does most of the work changing diapers and preparing bottles but lately I have been able to be of more assistance. What I basically do is play with the baby. Together we make sounds and faces at one another. We look deeply into one another's eyes. I encourage her to roll over and sit up and to begin to crawl. Today she pulled my thumb (as always before playing with her I had just my hands) into her mouth and rubbed it against her lower gum where he first tooth was about to emerge. For me at least, I don't know about her, it was an unforgettable experience. Because of restrictions associated with the virus and my daughter's unforgiving work schedule I am allowed to have one of the most meaningful and precious experiences of my life. I wish that I could say that I had similar experiences with my own two children. I was working, there were medical problems with one child and my first wife and I separated when my daughter was younger than my grandchild is now. I missed out or never noticed or have forgotten the wonderful, unduplicatable experience of being with a baby and having the time and space to appreciate it.

I admit that this recent experience with my grandchild has awakened to the wonders of a human life. When I hear Press Conferences measuring the numbers of deaths versus the numbers indicating the health of the economy I am completely disgusted. These numbers to me are not comparable. Hearing politicians and governors and mayors state that it is necessary that losing lives are part of the inevitable sacrifice necessary to save our economy and maintain our place in the world makes absolutely no sense to me. As I write this piece I hear on the television that the Mayor of Los Angeles is lifting many restrictions starting Friday. What is important to say here is that it would be so much easier to follow the recommendations or even the orders of politicians if one could believe in their integrity, competence, and expertise.

As I have said above I know that the President lacks these qualities and although I seem to watch the news non-stop I do not feel that I, or anyone else can look into the minds of these elected officials and judge their motives. Who can we trust? After considering all the factors and possible consequences each of us must make the decision for ourselves. For me the decision is easy. I will stay at home for as long as I am able and will always try my best to stay informed. Hamlet made another decision and ended up giving away his life. No matter the recommendations or the laws which are probably unenforceable it will still be up to you to make your own decision. Please remember though that while staying at home, confined or not, to enjoy your family as much as possible. Such time is precious and once passed cannot be recovered unless, perhaps, sometime later you have a grandchild.

Kia Ora Please take care and be safe



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JASE GRAVES



COOKING MY WAY THROUGH QUARANTINE

Ever since our local mayor issued a COVID-19 shelter-in-place-and-go-completely-cocoa bananas order, my family and I have found ourselves cooking more than we have for our entire lives. We've even been following recipes and using the actual stove/oven thingy, much to the relief of our exhausted microwave. And considering the Mad Max-wasteland conditions in the cooking-stuff-from-scratch aisle at Walmart, we aren't the only ones.

It all started on the first night of quarantine when we all got tired of sitting around and staring at our iPhones while drooling into our belly buttons. We decided it was time to lift our spirits and get some exercise by making a batch of homemade Nestlé® Tollhouse cookies - minus the nuts, since my three daughters didn't want to ruin the experience by including something natural and healthy.

Because these were the first cookies we had made in a while that didn't start out in a refrigerated tube, we had to locate the ingredients. After rifling through the bowels of our pantry, we found some prehistoric flour, Crisco, baking soda and vanilla extract - the remnants of a sad attempt at making Christmas cookies a few months ago. I'm not sure whether any of it was expired, but it didn't stink or fight back, so I assumed it was ok.

We had plenty of chocolate morsels - thanks to my middle daughter regularly adding them to the grocery list so she can hide in a closet with a bag of morsels larger than her head, a serving spoon, and a jar of creamy Jif to binge on her own twisted version of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. (Ok, that's me, but I'm pretty sure she does it, too.)

The cookies were delicious, including the ones that we actually baked. And were hoping to get all of the flour out of our clothes and hair before school starts next fall. The cookies were so addictive, in fact, that we've had to resist making them too often and have managed to cut it down to a couple of batches per day.

After we had rocked the Nestlé Tollhouse, I decided to try my hand at the deep magic of Grandma's old-fashioned pound cake. I never really understood why it's called pound cake until I saw that the recipe calls for enough ingredients to support the American farming industry for the foreseeable future. I actually felt guilty while I was cracking the required number of eggs, like I was back in junior high vandalizing somebody's front windows - not that I ever did that - not even to that cute girl who would go to the movies with me to watch Meatballs Part 2.

Despite following the recipe right down to the last shipping container of pure cane sugar, my pound cake clung to the Bundt pan like that infernal Dance Monkey song that's been stuck in my melon for the past three weeks. We tried everything to get the cake to turn loose - steaming it, freezing it, threatening to make it watch Joe Exotic's music videos. Nothing worked.

Finally, I just gave up and gouged out the cake in chunks, until I wound up with a heap of freshly-baked wreckage. I was so disappointed in the disgraceful presentation that I could only bring myself to eat three servings that night after supper.

Despite a few mishaps, I've thoroughly enjoyed regularly trashing the kitchen with my wife and daughters to get my mind off the COVID-19 crisis. There's just something about sitting around a table loaded down with dangerous levels of homemade carbohydrates that brings a family closer together. And even though I still can't call myself the Rembrandt of baked goods, at least I can pretend to be Mad Max when I go to Walmart for more Crisco.

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DICK POLMAN



REFUSING TO WEAR A MASK IS AMERICA AT ITS WORST

There are many things I love about my country. But rugged individualism, when taken to its extreme, does not make my list. Nor does religious zealotry, when its practice threatens the welfare of other people.

For instance, here's Nino Vitale, a Republican state representative in Ohio, explaining why he refuses to wear a face mask during the pandemic: I will not wear a mask. That's the image of God right there, and I want to see it in my brothers and sisters! No one is stopping anybody from wearing a face mask. But quite frankly everyone else's freedom ends at the tip of my nose.

You're not going to tell me what to do.

And here's Cheryl K. Chumley, the online opinion editor at the conservative Washington Times: Mask requirements are a blatant violation of an individual's right to choose - of an individual's right to self-govern. Mask requirements are fine in a socialist country. In an authoritarian society. In a communist, dictatorial, tyrannical kind of country. But this is America.

Yeah, that's America all right - the worst of America. We're all in this together is the slogan du jour that speaks to the best of America, but the sadly predictable truth is that millions don't share that communitarian spirit. Your freedom to stay healthy ends at Vitale's nose. Chumley thinks the rest of us are mask nazis. And Fox News Laura Ingraham says that masks are an elitist plot to impose suppression of free thought and sell the message that you are not back to normal, not even close.

Mask defiance has become the latest weapon in the polarized culture war. Not even a deadly health crisis can bring us together anymore. Marching mask-free for the freedom to get a manicure is deemed by many to be more important than the well-documented reality of further contagion. Going mask-free is the new don't tread on me. If more people die on the altar of others' selfishness, well, I guess that's the price of freedom.

The anti-mask impulse is partly ideological, a new, lethal way to own the libs. Conservative commentator Rob Dreher admits, It's hard to deny that many conservatives have reacted to COVID-19 more out of ideology and fact. And it's a new way to march in lockstep with Trump, who this week demonstrated his hostility to masks by refusing to wear one while visiting a mask factory. (The factory's PA system blasted Live and Let Die. As Jimmy Kimmel tweeted, I can think of no better metaphor for this presidency.)

But ideology aside, it's also clear that masks are widely viewed as a sign of weakness. Why do you suppose Mike Pence refused to wear a mask while visiting the Mayo Clinic, even though Mayo requires all visitors to wear one, and even though everyone Pence met was masked? Because he didn't want Trump, or Trump's cult, to think he was weak.

Trump didn't create the selfish strain in the American character, or the anti-expertise strain, or the God-wants-to-see-my-face strain, or the pigheaded macho strain, but the tone he's setting is self-evidently toxic. This paragraph, in a new Associated Press story, says it all:

White House aides say the president hasn't told them not to wear (masks), but few do. Some Republican allies have asked Trump's campaign how it would be viewed by the White House if they were spotted wearing a mask.

That's pathetic.

Tom Nichols, a national security professor at the U.S. Naval War College, wrote a great Twitter thread this week about why the mask-haters behave as they do: It's a child-like understanding of autonomy! Yelling "No!" is empowering, but only in the sense (that) children understand power: The raw ability to defy someone else. It's not in any way about citizenship, which is how adults balance group obligation and individual freedom! Citizens are adults, and we have to get through this despite the overgrown children among us.

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SUSAN HENDERSON

Editor/Publisher



Please help us save your weekly newspaper! The National Emergency has had an immediate adverse impact on the future of the Mountain Views News. (www.mtnviewsnews.com)

Since 2006, I have been publishing a weekly newspaper in the San Gabriel Valley specifically covering the cities of Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Pasadena, and also South Pasadena, Altadena and San Marino. This effort has been financially challenging primarily due to the nature of publishing and because of a 40% tariff on newsprint that was imposed in 2018 and is still in affect.

We have survived primarily on the paper's ability to publish legal notices and the support of our advertisers many of whom are also impacted by the COVID19 virus. However, that has all changed. We were informed mid-March that the County of Los Angeles closed all public access to buildings that process legal notices. Such action, while absolutely necessary means that the income generated from the publication of the notices has come to an abrupt halt. Without the ability to publish legal notices, continued publication of the Mountain Views News is not possible.

With your help, however, we can sustain the only paper where your community news comes first until such time as an alternative to the current legal notice processing is found or LA County Buildings allow public access again.

It is not an easy thing to reach out to the public for support, however, this is truly an emergency. The Mountain Views News needs your support now to weather this storm.

Remember, print media is the only source of information that CANNOT BE HACKED! What you read in the Mountain Views News is accurate and as publisher, I stand behind every word. Our sources are reliable and dependable. Our Opinions share both sides of the argument. Community events and local organization activities are also an integral part of what we provide each week. And, while we do have an online presence, each week thousands of print copies are distributed to all 8 cities. In fact, had it not been for the tariffs, in 2018 our plan was to double our distribution as the demand for more print copies is great.

So can you please help us keep the Mountain Views News in circulation? Below are 4 ways that you can help sustain your local paper. All support is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. Susan Henderson, Owner/ Publisher/Editor

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: Your latest editorial

While I appreciated your effort to focus on positives during this public health emergency, I was dismayed by the repetition of the false and dangerous claim that "No one could have predicted this situation because as it has been said over and over again, there has never been an event or disease or three of disease that has completely shut down the world as we know it."

The pandemic was certainly foreseeable even if no one could have predicted its precise time or scale. Historically, there have indeed been prior pandemics that we could have learned from, including the 1918 Pandemic, which killed 675,000 in the U.S. and 500 million world-wide (1/3 of the world population). (1) [*See Sources below]. In more recent history, SARS, Swine Flu, and others have been cautionary events that had put the American government on notice of the potential threat of pandemics. The 1918 Pandemic— and arguably other recent mass illness events to a more limited extent-- did in fact shut down much of the world "as we know it."

The world has witnessed many pandemics which our government learned: the NSC prepared a 69 page pandemic plan in 2016 to provide a game plan in case of pandemic. (2) Unfortunately, this White House discarded or ignored that plan and has failed to act to make America safe again from the start of this pandemic to today.

As a small business owner, I would very much like for America to "reopen," but under safe and healthy conditions once the infection and death rates are under control. Such "re-opening" conditions may include an extensive testing and tracing program, continued use of appropriate social distancing whenever possible, & mandatory use of masks in public spaces. Unfortunately, our current federal leadership has continuously failed to act appropriately to make sure we can get on the path to a safe and healthy re-opening of American businesses.

It doesn't matter how many times false information is "said over and over again," you can't make it the truth by repeating falsehoods. You only make it into propaganda.

JL
Sierra Madre homeowner

Sources:
(1) From the CDC Website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-pandemic-h1n1.html>

"The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. In the United States, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States."

(2) Source: <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/25/trump-coronavirus-national-security-council-149285>

Editor's Note: In my editorial, <http://mt-nviewsnews.com/v14/htm/n18/p12.htm>, the exact, complete statement was, "No one could have predicted this situation because, as it has been said over and over again, there has never been an event or disease or threat of disease that has completely shut down the world as we knew it."

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Fun Facts: Mother's Day - May 10

History - How It All Started

- The first Mother's Day was organized by Anna Jarvis on May 10, 1908, in Grafton, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- It was such a success across the country that Jarvis asked Congress to set aside a day to honor mothers.
- In 1914, Congress made the second Sunday in May Mother's Day!

MOM is the same backward and forward. Turned upside down, she is WOW!

Celebrating Mom With...

Flowers—12,661 The number of florist stores nationwide in 2017.

A Special Card—21,467 The number of employees of greeting-card publishers in 2017.

Perfume—17,153 The number of cosmetics, beauty supplies, and perfume stores nationwide in 2017. Perfume is a popular gift given on Mother's Day.

A Piece of Jewelry—21,300 The number of jewelry stores in the United States in 2017—the place to purchase necklaces, earrings, and other timeless pieces for mom.

Schooling Mom

More than 3 out of 10 (34.8%) The percentage of women age 15 to 50 giving birth in the past year who had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Almost 9 out of 10 (88.4%) The percentage of women giving birth in the last past year who had completed high school or higher.

Note: This is affected by the specific age profile of this group. Not all of the women are old enough to have completed high school or college.

Number of Children

Out of every 10 women age 15 to 50, approximately...

- 4 out of 10 (44%) have no children
- 2 out of 10 (17%) have one child
- 2 out of 10 (22%) have two children
- 2 out of 10 (17%) have three or more children

First-Time Mothers

Snapshot of mothers who were aged 15 and over in 2014: When did they first become a mom?

- 22% - Under age 20
- 37% - Age 20-24
- 24% - Age 25-29
- 12% - Age 30-34
- 4% - Age 35-39
- 1% - Age 40 and over

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2017 County Business Patterns, and 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Fertility Research Brief.

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...flower boxes or pots for our Moms.

Kids: color stuff in!

Happy Mother's Day!

I made a funny card for my Mom!

I love Mother's Day! I was wondering how this lovely holiday for moms began, so I went to the library to do research to find out. I searched web sites on the computer. I found beautiful books full of stories and pictures. To find out what I learned about Mother's Day read my clues below, then fill in the crossword puzzle.

1. Mother's Day is a time to honor a mother, _____ or even a special aunt.

2. Soon after the death of her mother (in May 1905), a woman named Anna Jarvis urged people to support the idea of a national _____ for moms.

3. Anna wanted people to show respect for _____ and to give thanks for all the work that mothers do for us.

4. She gave out her mother's favorite _____, the white carnation, a custom that spread to many states.

5. Her home _____ of West Virginia was the first (in 1912) to have an official Mother's Day celebration.

6. On May 9, 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson declared the first _____ Mother's Day to honor mothers whose sons had died in war.

7. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second _____ in May (U.S., Canada).

8. A beautiful, historic building in West Virginia was named The International Mother's Day Shrine and Museum. They hold teas and programs to promote the _____ of mothers (and other women) to our country.

9. Businesses promote the _____ of cards, flowers, jewelry and other gifts for Mother's Day.

10. Although it is nice when children give a gift, it is even more special when they take the _____ to write a letter or to do something special with their moms.

11. Often families attend religious services, have picnics or do _____ get-togethers or calls.

12. Can you _____ a breakfast, write and decorate a card or plan an activity for your mom's special day?

Do You Know...?

Sometimes we wear a white carnation to honor a mother who has died and a red or pink carnation for a mother who is still living.

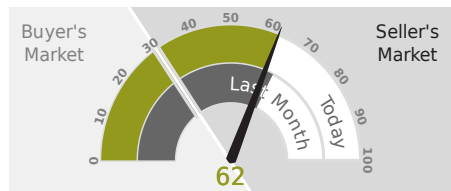
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Monrovia | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Monrovia, CA 91016 is \$722,500 with the market action index hovering around 62. This is less than last month's market action index of 65. Inventory has held steady at or around 24.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

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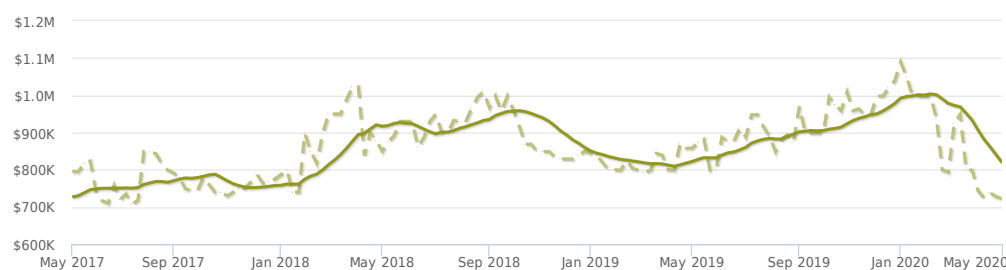
Strong Seller's Market

REAL-TIME MARKET PROFILE

Median List Price	\$722,500
Per Square Foot	\$515
Days on Market	84
Price Decreased	17%
Price Increased	0%
Relisted	0%
Inventory	24
Median Rent	\$3,000
Most Expensive	\$2,587,000
Least Expensive	\$548,000
Market Action	62

The market has been cooling off a bit in recent weeks, as more homes are available and demand is less. We're already seeing prices move lower as a result, though the market is still in the Seller's zone. Expect this trend to continue especially if the index falls to the Buyer's zone. Watch for a persistent up-turn in Market Action to signal prices rising again.

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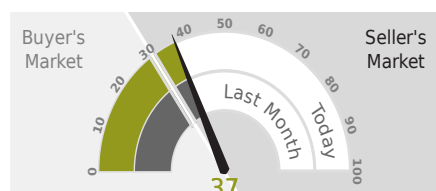


Sierra Madre | Single Family Homes

This week the median list price for Sierra Madre, CA is \$1,025,000 with the market action index hovering around 37. This is about the same as last month's market action index of 37. Inventory has held steady at or around 25.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

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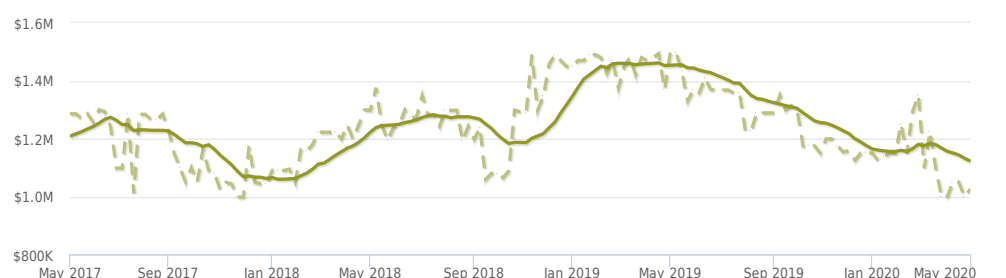
Slight Seller's Advantage

REAL-TIME MARKET PROFILE

Median List Price	\$1,025,000
Per Square Foot	\$640
Days on Market	193
Price Decreased	12%
Price Increased	12%
Relisted	20%
Inventory	25
Median Rent	\$3,748
Most Expensive	\$3,200,000
Least Expensive	\$525,000
Market Action	37

The market has started cooling and prices have been flat for several weeks. Since we're in the Seller's zone, watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.

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