COVID-19 Update (April 23, 2020, 4:30 p.m.)

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This is a summary of the City of Santa Clara's latest response efforts along with impacts to local events and City programs/services due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

Current Developments

- So far, the City has awarded 33 small businesses and nonprofits with a Small Business Assistance grant, totaling $240,000 out of the $500,000 that's currently available.
    - As of Monday, April 20, the City had received over 500 applications and reviewed 70.
    - The balance of the applications that have been reviewed (37) are either pending or did not meet program eligibility requirements (i.e. business not located in Santa Clara or did not have a business license in Santa Clara).
    - City staff is continuing to review applications in the order they were received and will do so until all funds are awarded.
    - At the Tuesday, April 28 meeting, staff will provide an update about the Small Business Assistance Grant Program to the City Council.

- Today, the City is celebrating Earth Day/Arbor Day virtually!
    - Visit us online, www.SantaClaraCA.gov/ArborDay, as we demonstrate support for nature and the environment through the following videos:
        - Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor explains the importance of this day for our city.

- Find out 10 ways that Santa Clarans can still celebrate Earth Day/Arbor Day even when we cannot gather together in person for the annual celebration.
- Two virtual story time for children sessions with a focus on nature and the environment.

- Governor Newsom announced today, April 23, that over 22,000 Californians have signed up to volunteer since the californiansforall.ca.gov website launched recently.
  - Learn how you can safely help communities in response to COVID-19 and make a difference by visiting the Californians for All website.

- On Wednesday, April 22, Governor Gavin Newsom announced plans for California to resume delayed medical procedures and preventative care.
  - These plans will allow hospitals and health systems to resume delayed medical care for Californians – such as heart valve replacements, angioplasty and tumor removals, and key preventive care services, such as colonoscopies – which were deferred as the state's health care delivery systems prepared for a surge of COVID-19 patients.
  - Plans were also announced to add at least an additional 80 testing sites, mainly in underserved communities, and train up to 10,000 contact tracers.
  - For more details, read the news release.

- Earlier this week, the County of Santa Clara Medical Examiner-Coroner received confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that three people, who died in Santa Clara County in February and early March, tested positive for COVID-19.
  - These three deaths are the earliest-known ones in the United States.
  - County Public Health Officer, Dr. Sara Cody, addressed the cases, confirming that community transmission of COVID-19 began far earlier than we knew.
  - At this time, County Public Health hasn't released additional details about the three individuals who died at home.

City Programs and Services

Santa Clara City Library

- With all three Santa Clara City Library locations closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Library is increasing the frequency of its online newsletter from monthly to weekly.
- The Library's newsletter, The Page Turner, provides regular updates on the services, programs and library materials available digitally.
- Subscribe online to receive the newsletter directly via email by selecting "Library Events."

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