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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

- The City's recycling provider is resuming regular, single-family residential curbside recycling collection services on Monday, May 11.
  - As a reminder, follow these set-out guidelines when placing the following approved items outside your blue recycling cart:
    - Extra cardboard (flattened and stacked no larger than 3’ x 3’ sections) must be bundled and tied/taped
    - Used motor oil must be contained in a plastic container labeled “waste oil” with a taped lid
    - Used motor oil filters should be contained in a sealed plastic bag
    - Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) should be placed in a sealed plastic bag
  - For details about what materials are accepted through your weekly curbside recycling collection, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC.
  - For questions, contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100.

- The Parks & Recreation Department is going virtual to help you and your loved ones stay active during the Shelter-in-Place order.
  - Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/VirtualParksandRec for online learning and activities including:
    - Story time and a virtual sing-along;
    - Online youth classes for gymnastics, soccer and more;
- Online adult fitness classes including Zumba, cardio-dance and kickboxing;
- Cooking tips and recipes; and
- Resources for adults 50+.

- The City’s supplemental meals programs continue to serve thousands of youth and seniors in the community.
  - Since the Healthy Meals Santa Clara program got underway seven weeks ago, the City has distributed a total of approximately 70,000 meals.
  - The supplemental youth weekend meals program remains successful, thanks to assistance from the Santa Clara Unified School District, Spectra Venue Management, Levy Premium Food Services, Intel and California’s Great America.
  - The Senior Nutrition Program with its supplemental weekend to-go meals for seniors, age 60 and up, has provided about 7,000 meals over the last eight weeks.
  - Donations for these food distribution programs can be made through the City’s nonprofit partner, Mission City Community Fund. To donate, visit the MCCF website.

- On Friday, May 8, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order for all California registered voters to receive a mail-in ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election.
  - Secretary of State Alex Padilla said California is the first state in the U.S. to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by mailing every registered voter a ballot.
  - Padilla also said the state remains committed to providing those who will still want to vote in-person the opportunity to do so.
  - For more details, view the news release.

City Programs and Services

Santa Clara City Library

- Due to schools closing for the academic year, the Library kicked off its Summer Reading Challenge a month early on May 1.
- Currently, there are 476 participants who are experiencing the magic of reading.
- The challenge is to read 25 hours between May 1 and July 31 (two hours per week) and complete fun activities for extra entries in prize drawings.
- To sign up for the Library’s reading challenge, visit sclibrary.beanstack.org/.
- The Summer Reading Program and all prizes are sponsored by the Library Foundation and Friends and their generous donors.
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