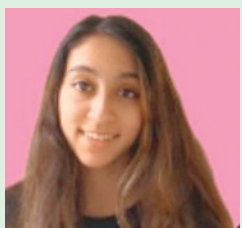


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School year may start in July or August as lower-risk businesses 'gradually' reopen

The next school year may start as early as July or August for many districts throughout California to make up for learning lost this spring as part of a larger scheme to reopen lower-risk businesses.

The early start of the school year would only be possible with physical changes to school environments including staggered attendance.

"We recognize there's been a learning loss because of this disruption," Governor Newsom said. "We might want to consider getting that school year moved up a little bit."

"Over the last few weeks, hospitalizations and intensive-care admissions have stabilized, said Dr. Sonia Angell, director of the state's Department of Public Health. "If that trend continues, businesses like manufacturing facilities, retail businesses and some offices could re-open with physical changes"

Reopening of higher-risk businesses like barber shops and nail salons still remains months away, Newsom said, with highest-risk venues like concerts and convention centers even further down the road.



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Fundraiser for clean water Evergreen Valley High School to host virtual family walk / run global fundraiser for clean water: May 16

Although the "shelter in place" procedures continue to confine us indoors, we still receive an abundant supply of water, an amazing privilege that is keeping us alive during these unusual times.

The same, however, can't be said for many in developing countries who struggle without adequate water sources. More than 14 million women and 3 million children are forced to walk long distances barefoot to collect water from polluted rivers and ponds. Often going multiple times a day, they spend an average time ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours to collect water.

Without access to clean water, people are unable to stay hygienic, wash their hands, and maintain cleanliness to

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Evergreen Valley High School is hosting a virtual charity walk/run, Global 6K For Water, on May 16 thanks to the work of **Zuhair Rao** (left) and Team Captain **Rahul Cherkuri**.



Disposable gloves line the streets and sidewalks at Evergreen Village Square.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE Disposable gloves litter Evergreen Village Square

Ever since the shelter in place mandate was initiated there have been many instances of used disposable glove littering streets and sidewalks especially near food stores.

Evergreen resident Robert Malonso has been volunteering his time to pick up the trash items at the Square including disposable gloves left by uncaring residents.

"Just a kind reminder to everyone to please throw trash, especially disposable gloves, in the proper place," Malonso said. "Be safe!"

Pictured is a typical daily scene at Evergreen Village Square across from BofA.



Evergreen resident **Robert Malonso** volunteers his time to pick up discarded disposable gloves during the COVID-19 pandemic at Evergreen Village Square.

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reduce their chances of contracting the deadly diseases, an issue that is especially relevant today.

Daily, nearly 1,000 children under the age of 5 die from diarrhea caused by contaminated water. Furthermore, these children suffer from health problems because they lack the nutrition to embark on this journey and carry a load of water - averaging 44 pounds - back from their source.

They are forced to spend their lives suffering to collect unhygienic water every day.

To combat this issue, students from Evergreen Valley High School, Rahul Cherkuri and Zuhair Rao have taken an initiative to host a virtual charity run/walk. This local effort is a part of the annual Global 6K For Water, the world's largest virtual family walk, run, and fundraiser for clean water on May 16th.

Join thousands of people across the globe in our mission to bring life-changing clean water to communities around the world. This year, the 6K will be a virtual event,

meaning you can choose to walk/run 6 km individually or with your family from any place of your wish - in local parks, neighborhoods, or school fields - on May 16th. Participants will be provided a T-shirt, medal, and bib with the picture of a child who will benefit from this event.

Everyone deserves access to clean water. Every step we take is one they won't have to. Sign up to walk/run this event virtually. For \$50, World Vision can provide a child in a developing country with clean water that lasts for years to come! If you do not want to participate in the event or are not able to

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4th of July parade postponed, not cancelled; Veterans Day Parade is in planning mode

The Rose White & Blue 4th of July Parade has been postponed, not cancelled for this year.

Instead of just canceling, the 4th of July Parade team has decided to postpone the date of the 4th, and the team is working on possibly doing a parade on Labor Day. There may also be a car show added to the event.



The Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade, now in the planning stages with team members headed by Col. Ray Watts, will most likely take place as scheduled in November. Rules are in the planning stages with parade president to be safe and respect social distancing. The team is working closely with the City of San Jose to make the parade, which began in 1918, safe for all.

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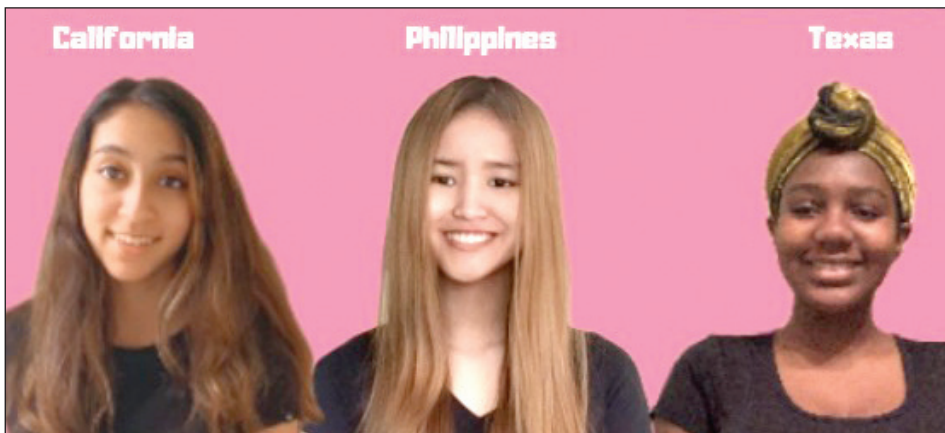
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Modern Divergence Founders (l to r) Maham Kazmi, Maxine Magtoto and Faith Ajanaku.

Youth-led Modern Divergence international organization co-founded by Evergreen Valley High School junior

Maham Kazmi, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School, co-founded Modern Divergence, along with Faith Ajanaku and Maxine Magtoto. The organization seeks to promote awareness regarding mental health stigma.

Maham said she was inspired to start Modern Divergence (MoDiv) after her hospitalization resulted in the stigma around mental health. It made her unable to reach out to her pediatrician and loved ones for emotional support.

“Modern Divergence is an international, youth-led organization that seeks to promote awareness around how mental health stigma impacts the efficiency of pediatric healthcare, as well as celebrate neurodivergence (cognitive and sociological conditions that deviate from the norm) amongst the youth,” Maham said.

As a remote initiative, MoDiv members reside in different parts of the country, engaging in both virtual projects and participating to better their local communities. The organization’s projects reflect core values for diversity by creating podcast episodes, host conferences with profes-

sionals in the medical and psychiatric fields, and even conducting some of its own research. MoDiv values straightforwardness and honesty, hoping to create vulnerable, open-ended spaces for teenagers and adults alike to discuss their mental health experiences.

MoDiv will unite teenagers to explore their internalized stigma towards mental health. MoDiv Talks covers three general topics: how stigma affects healthcare, dealing with diagnosis, and exploring the teenage realm of mental health. While discussing relevant topics like toxic masculinity, mental health in the college admissions system, and even racism, we aim to feature authentic teenage voices and opinions in each episode.

Maham said the organization utilizes Instagram (@moderndivergence) for updates on when the MoDiv podcast will be published to Spotify, iTunes, SoundCloud and more. RSVP forms for the MoDiv May 23 webinar - “Your Diagnosis Does Not Define You” - is now available on the organization’s website.

“We strive to be able to help those strug-

gling with mental health get the help they need by creating a supportive environment and working towards neurodivergent equality,” Maham said. “We hope that through our efforts, kids and teens will seek help from their physicians in ways we never felt we could.”

Maham invites those interested to collaborate with MoDiv. Have a story you want to share? Feel free to contact MoDiv by email: moderndivergence@gmail.com, or by Instagram @moderndivergence.

You can find more information about Modern Divergence at their website: moderndivergence.wixsite.com/modiv

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new Evergreen residents

Charles Chau and Bich Le of Evergreen Valley were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Construction, landscaping, some outdoor activities allowed under new Bay Area shelter in place order

Public health officials in six Bay Area counties released a new shelter-in-place order April 29, loosening some restrictions on outdoor activities such as golf and businesses such as construction, as well as some forms of childcare, as the Bay Area inches towards normalization amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The updated order went into effect Monday May 4 and lasts the entire month while upholding the existing social distancing mandates and restrictions on nonessential business.

The Bay Area’s revised order is looser in its limits on social interactions than the stay-home mandates imposed by state officials. The loosened restrictions mostly apply to outdoor activities. All construction will be permitted, landscaping and gardening work can resume, and retail nurseries will be allowed to reopen. Golf courses will be allowed to reopen, but it was uncertain as to whether tennis games can resume.

“We are in a period of transition, of modification,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said of easing stay-at-home orders, though he added a warning: “We can undo our progress in a very short period of time.”

Day Care

The new order also allows children of essential workers or people conducting permitted outdoor business to gather in “stable” groups of 12 or fewer within childcare settings, as well as “educational or recreational institutions or programs,” including summer camps. Children of employees heading back to work will now have access to childcare. However, children cannot switch groups, and groups cannot intermingle, according to the Santa Clara County order.

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Car flips over on Shadow Ridge Way in Silver Creek Bel Aire Neighborhood

A car flipped over after hitting a parked car on Shadow Ridge Way in the Silver Creek Bel Aire neighborhood on April 25.

The driver was trapped inside the car but residents were advised that the driver not be moved until emergency personnel could assess the situation. A resident held her hand until police arrived.

The driver, who suffered minor facial injuries, said she spotted a cat crossing the road that may have contributed to the accident.

Costco requires masks and two person limit per membership

Costco locations, including its gas stations are now requiring customers and employees alike to wear face-coverings or masks.

The requirement does not apply to children under the age of two or to people who are unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition, according to a Costco statement.

In addition, the company updated its special operating hours for members over the age of 60. Select Costco warehouses will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday for members ages 60 and older, and people with disabilities.

"The use of a mask or face covering should not be seen as a substitute for social distancing," the statement reads. "Please continue to observe rules regarding appropriate distancing while on Costco premises."

U.S. Costco warehouses are also implementing a two-person limit per membership card to enter the facilities.

Valley Currents

cur-rent (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New teacher seeks election protection

Dear editor,

My name is Matthew. I am a newly credentialed public school teacher here in San Jose.

There are many things up in the air right now, but our democracy shouldn't be. Experts estimate we need at least 4 billion dollars to make sure states can prepare for elections in the time of corona-virus. Otherwise millions of voters might be disenfranchised.

Congress passed 400 million which gets the process started. Every voter needs safe options to vote by mail, early and on election day. Congress must pass additional funding to make sure our November elections are prepared for this unprecedented threat.

Matthew Abely

More Evergreen Valley College information offered

Dear Editor,

Thanks for relaying E.T.s info on EVC. I would like to add my "2 cents" & "# me too, sense" to this matter.

Enrollment discrepancy among all community colleges in the South Bay has long been a serious and unaddressed problem. De Anza College is a key to the problem. They have no place to expand except up, which is too expensive, or use the last of their open spaces, the baseball and football fields, which, unfortunately, they are doing. The college has over 30,000 students and only "5" parking spaces. Even with multi-story parking garages students still have great difficulty finding a space. Parking tickets are handed out daily, like Halloween candy.

On the other side of the valley, Evergreen Valley has less than three thousand students and so much extra land that they are trying to sell it off to developers.



PHOTO OP

Hummingbird – Here is another photo that lifts our spirits during the COVID -19 crises. "It's nice to be able to enjoy such beautiful things in nature," said photographer Purvi Patel.

West Valley, Mission, Ohlone, Foothill, and Gavilan have much, much lower enrollments than De Anza, and the room to expand.

So what has led to this situation? It began when community colleges were no longer able to restrict enrollment to just students in their district. Some exceptions were made for reasons like subject offerings. When the "district only" rule was abolished, many "out-of-district" students started flocking to De Anza. In short time the composition of racial makeup at the various campuses began to appear very homogeneous, or at least stereotyped. The "talk" and gossip, indicated certain racial groups tended to attend certain colleges. Added to this trend were students wanting to go where their friends went. De Anza had somehow become, or been identified as, a more preferred, or more highly successful, academic institution.

De Anza is a commuter college. No students live on campus. Housing is extremely expensive

and scarce in Cupertino, thus students commute daily to campus. Students are driving to De Anza from as far away as Hayward, Livermore, Gilroy, and Santa Cruz. This puts 30,000 extra cars on freeways, every day, twice a day. De Anza had a bomb scare one day. It took campus security "three months" to evacuate the campus. (As an "aside": Try to imagine how long it would take to evacuate the Bay Area in the event of a nuclear attack warning, especially if it only takes a missile 15 minutes to get here.)

EVC claims it is unable to offer more classes due to budget limitations. The obvious solution is a "no brainer": send some of De Anza's money and faculty to EVC. Some faculty already live on that side of the valley. I can personally assure students that faculty at EVC are as equally qualified and capable as those at De Anza or the other community colleges. Stop enrolling students based on popularity or undeserved reputations. Maybe the pandemic will result in correcting the enroll-

ment imbalance by utilizing and creating more on line courses. The lower traffic on freeways sure is a welcome blessing.

You are welcome to share these thoughts with the E.T. or whoever might be interested.

Chuck Dougherty, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus
San Jose

What have we learned from COVID-19?

Dear Editor,

What have we learned from our experience with the covid-19 virus?

We should have learned the following:

- The CCP's (Chinese Communist Party) lies and actions were responsible for letting the coronavirus grow in Wuhan and then be taken all around the world by Chinese New Year visitors, as they returned to their homes around the world.

- The WHO (World Health Organization) helped the CCP promote the lie that the coronavirus was NOT transmissible, when they knew it was transmissible.

- The Chinese people are NOT responsible for the Covid-19 pandemic, BUT their rulers (the CCP) are.

- The Chinese people do not have any power. Remember the CCP throttled Dr. Li when he tried to warn people.

- As soon as the WHO admitted the virus was transmissible, President Trump closed the USA to people coming from China and the Democrat party accused President Trump of racism.

- Currently the Democrat party is blaming President for not closing the border sooner and not closing it also to Chinese who were American citizens.

- 60% of the members of the Democratic Party believe that President Trump is more responsible for our problems with the COVID-19 virus than the CCP is.

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- In all the countries around the world that are fighting the COVID-19 virus pandemic, NO ONE has blamed President Trump for the pandemic, except 60% of the American Democrats.
- The most important thing we should have learned is to NEVER TRUST THE CCP.
- Perhaps we should have also learned that although Bill Gates claimed for several years to be concerned about possible pandemics coming, his own state was totally unprepared for COVID-19 virus.
- Now that we are fighting the COVID-19 virus pandemic, Bill Gates claims that we should not be trying to determine the origin of the virus, because he thinks that would "distract" from the efforts to fight the virus. Knowing where the virus came from seems KEY in fighting it and perhaps key to stopping a future virus from coming from the same place. It is important to know if the virus came from a CCP virus lab or from the Wuhan wet market.
- Perhaps it is also important to know that Bill Gates does not want the public to know where the virus originated.

Louise Cate

Neighbors face challenges from Temple project

Dear Editor,

I would like to highlight the challenges Evergreen neighbors are facing to collaborate with the Kampuchea Temple Foundation on a project at 2740 Ruby Ave.

Leadership of the Evergreen Neighborhood Core Group, which formed to inform and get input from neighbors about the Temple project, had published an article in January with a detailed list of issues visit: timesmedia.pageflip.site/editions/ET50367#page/5 and requested that the Temple Foundation collaborate with us. But, they seem to continue to ignore and put neighbors through unnecessary hardship.

The most recent issue: the property owners have initiated a demolition and have commenced work on April 22, 2020 using the cover of a prior crime of drug activity and possible gang activity at the site prior to property owners maintaining and fencing off their property during shelter-in-place.

Given that the entire state is under lockdown, this came as a shock when they commenced the project with zero days notification to the neighbors before they started working. We had to work very hard to reach out to get information on the demolition scope of work, and, even days later, we don't have the full picture of what has and will continue to be done while we are on lock down. Neighbors had zero time to prepare. Perhaps under normal circumstances, when people could move about freely, the impacts of demolition would not be so severe. But, given that all the neighbors - including our kids - must attend classes and work from home - the noise and the dust made this a horrible experience for us. This has given a taste of how bad the noise and dust are going to be if they start any grading or digging for the actual project which could be worse. This misstep demonstrates that Temple Foundation is not truly concerned with neighbors' health and welfare.

Bottomline, there were no exigent circumstances that

residents see or have been notified about that demanded this demolition without any notification especially during this time of crisis.

The neighborhood deserves better than this. What is it going to take for the Temple developer to put their actions where their own words are and start an honest dialogue so that we can work together with mutual respect to see a beautiful right-sized Temple that is compatible with the neighborhood developed.

Evergreen Neighborhood Core Group



CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Replaced with people exercising health to people exercising addiction was seen recently at Silver Oak School in Evergreen Valley. "We went from brothers playing horse on a basketball court, a lady walking laps and a couple running their dog to a gated up school, basketball hoops removed," said Silver Creek resident Sean Sinatra. "It looks like a jungle with beer cans and left over weed bags. I'd prefer to see healthy activity and trust my neighbor (not control)."

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Op Ed

The Old Barn

By Janet Huggins Holt
Special to the Times

Everyone has memories they cherish, mine include favorite scenes and structures that add graceful charm to an otherwise ordinary landscape.

I sometimes take for granted these old treasures but know they may be gone one day struck down by progress or necessity and replaced with something else. Now more than ever as more people move here, live or work here every piece of infill land in San Jose is being eyed toward development. We are experiencing such rapid new growth and with the addition of Google in the years to come San Jose could become almost unrecognizable.

Last week, my heart ached a little when three old barns on nearby property were torn down. One of those barns was more than a century old. The smaller of the three was built in 1910. The largest weathered and worn, served more than 90 years use for all the families who lived and worked there and provided shelter within its timbers for vehicles, farming equipment and implements. It had history, real history.

The charming old McClay barns were part of the remains of a centuries old fruit ranch established before the 1850's situated in the lower north Evergreen foothills at the Ruby Ave and Norwood intersection.

The original owner of the 161-acre property was the multigenerational orchardist family patriarch William McClay. His land included the Ruby/Norwood property that remained in the family for generations. The ranch was sold in 1951 to a farming, distribution and grocery family unit, the Arata's and part of that family built the mid-century ranch-style home (1959). They kept a vineyard and orchard, farmed some land and sold other parts.

In 1970 the corner property at Ruby/Norwood now consisting of a little less than two acres with the 1959 ranch style home, original old ranch barns, board and batt sheds and a large wooden overhead shade structure was sold to Dr. Nels and Stella Ahnlund as their family home. Dr. Ahnlund practiced medicine at a local San Jose hospital. In the late 1980's subdivisions were built and surround the property on two sides and faced Ruby and Norwood on the other two. Years later the property zoned single family residential was sold again for development. As of last week, all the structures have been torn down.

The usefulness of our ag history outlived itself decades ago after being pushed out by taxes, lack of water rights, and technology. A new kind of valley was being born and provided opportunities. Our tract home here in Evergreen is on what was once a plum orchard. We have the non-producing plum trees as a reminder. It offers a feeling of rural life. When I was little, we lived in Willow Glen where a cherry orchard once stood. We had three trees, two kinds of the



The beginning of the destruction of the old barn.

best producing cherry trees giving us buckets and buckets of sweet fruit. In springtime as mom drove through roads lined with orchards, the blossoms would rain down all around the car and for as far as I could see the trees were loaded with blossoms, it was magical. When we moved to Almaden, there were old abandoned wells, ponds, streams; again, kid paradise. I watched the

barns, horse stables, ranches, orchards all disappear to housing.

Looking at the photo of the century old hand-built barn turned into large heaps of rubble demolished, not even worthy of deconstruction, it all seemed so callous. But that is just my view. I love history, what came before us, memories of a different time, the beauty of the old valley.

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Should schools issue grades or pass or fail amid the coronavirus pandemic?

Schools nationwide are debating whether to issue grades to high school students during the coronavirus pandemic.

Many school administrators have encountered stiff resistance to the idea of dropping grades, even temporarily with parents raising concerns about the ability of high achievers to compete in selective college admissions. Others worry that eschewing grades means students will have less incentive to participate in curriculum through distance learning.

Some schools have dropped letter grades altogether, while others, such as Valley Christian, are guaranteeing letter grades ensuring that students' performance will be counted during the health crisis.

Over the past few weeks, many public schools in California have adopted what is called a "hold harmless" approach to grades. The approach allows students to use the rest of the semester to improve their scores, but their final grades cannot drop lower than they were before schools shut down.

The University of California system, said it will not penalize applicants who do not get letter grades this semester — but it will still consider grades from those who have them.

Most agree that long-term inequities — such as lack of access to quality housing, health care and technology — had been magnified during the crisis, making it difficult for some students to make the most of the transition to distance learning.

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County offers aid for dealing with COVID-19

By **Dave Cortese**
Special to the Times

We need to listen to the experts as we flatten the curve of coronavirus cases and continue to follow the guidelines, including staying at home as much as possible, staying at least six feet apart from people you don't live with and wearing a mask in stores and other places where you may be close to others.

I will continue to ask for more help for our unhoused residents who are also struggling with this disease, keep exploring how we can get people back to work and make sure that the County is being as transparent as possible about the virus and where we are finding outbreaks of cases.

I will keep you informed about any other details about the new Shelter in Place Order, but most of the current restrictions are likely to stay in place. The new order will include limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities, but I don't have specifics at this time.

Your cooperation in following the guidelines and the sacrifices you have made have helped us to make substantial progress on the spread of the virus and ensure that our hospitals have not been overwhelmed. But at this stage of the pandemic, we need to keep up these efforts, so we don't lose the progress we have made together.

Thank you again for all you do for each other and your contributions to the community during the biggest health crisis in our lifetimes.

For questions and concerns, please call my office at 408-299-5030, email me at Dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org and visit the District 3 website, supervisorcortese.org.

Home Meals for Seniors Program

A new program to help provide meals for seniors and help restaurants stay in business is coming to Santa Clara County. Governor Gavin Newsom announced a program called Restaurants Deliver: Home Meals for Seniors Program.

This program is available for residents who are over age 65 or are at high risk for COVID-19 and who are not receiving assistance from another federal program. Participants who live alone cannot receive more than \$74,940 in income, and \$101,460 for a household of two eligible participants. They must not be able to prepare meals or receive them in other



County Report

By **Dave Cortese**
Supervisor

ways. The County's Adult and Aging Services Department, part of the Social Services Agency, will administer the program and select the restaurants, which will be reimbursed at a cost of \$66 a day for each senior who is served three meals a day. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide 75 percent of the cost, the state will share 19 percent, and the County will take on 6 percent. FEMA will pay its share of the costs through May 10, but there may be extensions.

Older residents who want to know if they qualify to participate should call 2-1-1, a call center operated by United Way of Silicon Valley to answer questions about coronavirus, 24/7 in many different languages.

Those are the nuts and bolts of the program. But the intent is to connect seniors who are isolating at home with restaurant owners and workers who have lost business during this pandemic.

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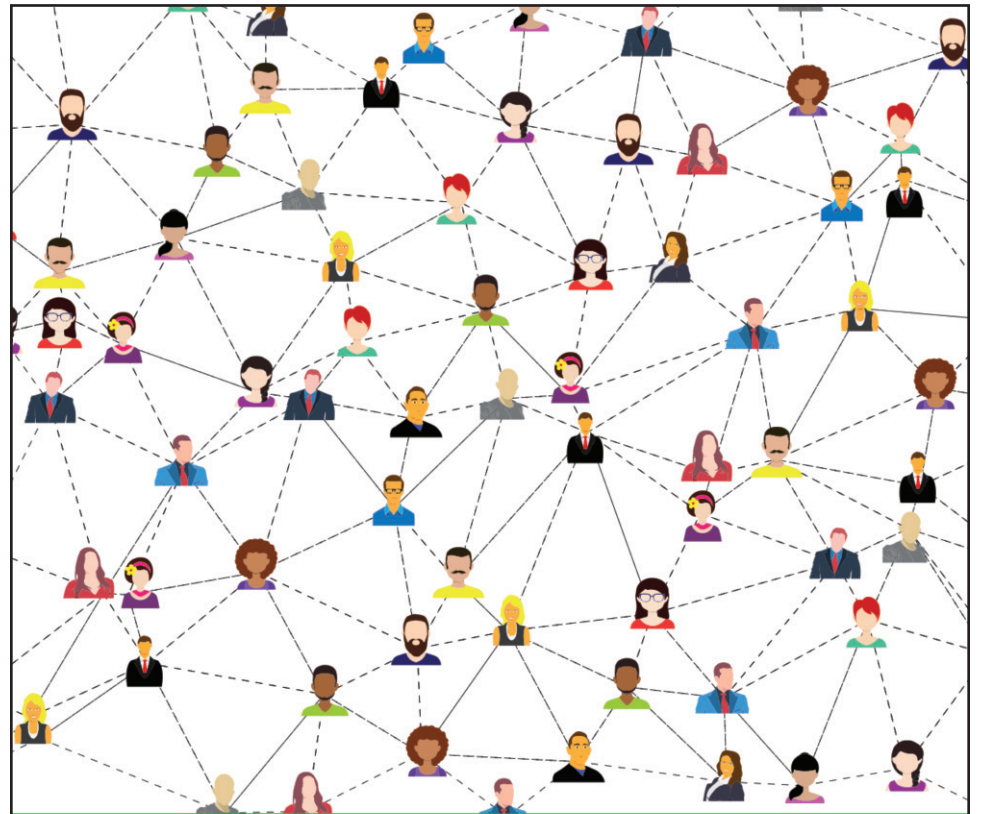


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San Jose Police Chief **Eddie Garcia** and Mayor **Sam Liccardo** encourage residents to report people who don't comply with 'stay-at-home' orders amid coronavirus pandemic.

City of San Jose slashes budget, approves new sexual assault unit

By **Nadia Lopez**

Article courtesy of *San José Spotlight*

The San Jose City Council unanimously approved making massive cuts to the city budget for the next fiscal year, as officials brace for an expected shortfall of at least \$45 million due to the COVID-19 pandemic on April 28.

"It's going to be a long road for us," Budget Director Jim Shannon said. "When we released our forecasts we had before COVID, we had no deficit in 2021. But then, we did have a deficit projected in the following fiscal year. Things have only gotten worse since then."

Two of the city's biggest revenue streams — construction and city-led events — have dropped significantly. San Jose's development fee program, which is supported by private construction contracts, is likely to drop by 40 percent between April and June, City Manager Dave Sykes said. Similarly, Team San Jose — a nonprofit that manages the city's tourism, arts and cultural centers — has already undergone two rounds of layoffs due to event cancellations.

San Jose will slash nearly \$30 million from its budget for the next year to help avoid layoffs and save funds. The cuts will span across city departments, programs and future projects and will include a reduction in expenses. That includes \$1.5 million in cuts to the South San José Police Substation, \$1.3 million in workers' compensation-related savings and about \$500,000 from the city's business cooperation program, which is a reporting and tax allocation program that offers rebates for certain tax payments.

The city will also pull funds from several programs and improvement projects, such as \$3 million from the city facilities' emergency power generation as well as more than \$600,000 from several traffic-calming and safety roadway improvements.

In addition to the cuts, Sykes plans on offsetting the estimated shortfall with sales tax revenue generated from an \$18

million agreement with eBay, the \$2.6 million sale of the Hayes Mansion and using \$24.4 million from reduced expenditures and in liquidated reserves.

City officials expect to release the proposed budget for next year on May 8.

Sexual assault work plan

Following an upward trend in sexual assault cases across the city, the San Jose council on Tuesday unanimously approved \$690,000 to train law enforcement officials to combat the issue.

The new funds will provide the San Jose Police Department with "Trauma Informed Care" training, and additional staffing for a Special Victims Unit and new materials.

"We're gonna have to expect a real increase in these crimes," Councilmember Sylvia Arenas said. "By sheltering in place, there's a definite opportunity for some of these perpetrators to continue with this type of crime, especially for the children that we know to be the overly represented number in San Jose."

The unit will include two officers who will work on cases involving internet crimes against children, child exploitation, human trafficking and sexual offenders.

About \$153,000 of the funds will be spent on materials, including six new vehicles, analytic software and GPS trackers, while \$150,000 will be spent on trauma informed care, which provides police officers with sensitivity training and mental health resources to provide emotional wellness and prevent burnout.

The San Jose Police Department will also reserve \$62,000 for educational outreach in partnership with the South Bay Human Trafficking Coalition by creating a promotional campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking.

At least \$150,000 will be used to fund research on challenges the city's law enforcement faces with combating the rise of sexual assault cases, including identifying age groups and demographics for

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COYOTES ROAM

With fewer cars and less human activity, there have been increased sightings of coyotes in the Evergreen Valley. Pictured is a young coyote ambling in the ice plant in the Villages Golf and Country Club on Sunday morning, May 3. "There are several bunnies living in the ice plant and when he looked they had all scattered," said Betty Hall. "He must be hungry to be out at 11 a.m. or his mama didn't teach him very well." An adult coyote was seen in the backyard of a Villager taking a drink in the pond on Monday, May 4. The coyote looked around the yard for several minutes before quickly leaving toward the walking path near the Meadowlands.

Photo above by Betty Hall; photo below by Sandy Bellou



San Jose facing a \$45 million budget shortfall due to tax revenue decline amid pandemic

The city of San Jose is facing a \$45 million budget deficit, much of it rapidly brought on by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Like other cities, San Jose makes most of its money by collecting sales and property taxes, but those revenue streams have dried up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hit hard are tax revenues from automobile dealerships and hotels.

The city is now looking for ways to cut costs, such as deferring maintenance or building renovations, at the same time trying to avoid staff layoffs with wage and hiring freezes.

"This is the quickest turnaround I've ever seen," said City Councilmember Johnny Khamis, who said San Jose was in good financial shape at the start of the pandemic.

"We were looking at a \$25-\$35 million budget surplus and we went to a projected \$45 million dollar deficit. That's about an \$80 million swing within one month," Khamis said.

San Jose has cash reserves and many emergency expenses related to the pandemic are being picked up by the state and federal government, not coming out of the city's general fund.

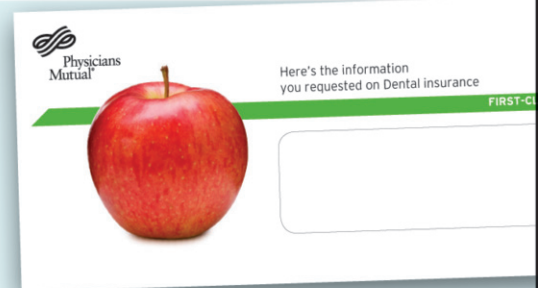
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Report: States offering the most coronavirus support

With 89 percent of adults hospitalized with COVID-19 having some sort of pre-existing condition, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on the States Offering the Most Coronavirus Support.

The report seeks to examine how states care for people who are at risk both healthwise and financially.

To identify which states offer the most support during the COVID-19 pandemic, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 17 key metrics. Our data set ranges from whether the state will offer free vaccinations once a vaccine exists to the share of households in poverty that receive social assistance. Below, you can see highlights from the report, along with a WalletHub Q&A.

Coronavirus Support in California (1=Most, 25=Avg.):

- 37th - Coronavirus Relief Fund per Capita
- 10th - Adoption of Telehealth Services
- 47th - Share of Households in Poverty Receiving Social Assistance
- 51st - Share of Sheltered Homeless Population
- 6th - Unemployment Insurance Reciprocity Rate

- 33rd - Ratio of Average Weekly Wage Covered by Unemployment Benefit

For the full report, please visit: wallethub.com/edu/states-offering-the-most-coronavirus-support/73333

Q&A with WalletHub

What groups need the most support during the coronavirus pandemic?

"It's not just people with pre-existing conditions or the elderly who are vulnerable to COVID-19. Many Americans who aren't at-risk physically are in a dangerous position financially," said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. "Coronavirus has caused millions of Americans to lose their jobs, which means unemployment insurance and social assistance programs have become nearly as vital to fighting the pandemic as medical treatment. Now more than ever, proper nutrition and hygiene are essential to good overall health, which makes me especially worried about vulnerable populations such as the homeless, who are more likely than most to come in contact with the virus."

How can people help their at-risk friends and neighbors?

"People can support their at-risk friends and neighbors in several ways, such as

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Top 25 states offering the most support during the COVID-19 pandemic

Overall Rank	State	Total Score	'Coronavirus Relief & Medical Services' Rank	'Food and Housing Assistance' Rank	'Unemployment Support' Rank
1	Massachusetts	69.94	1	2	3
2	District of Columbia	59.36	2	1	43
3	Rhode Island	55.99	5	11	16
4	Maine	54.68	3	19	17
5	North Dakota	52.02	14	7	5
6	New Mexico	50.23	7	14	23
7	Vermont	50.22	17	3	7
8	Colorado	49.96	4	44	24
9	Kentucky	49.48	8	21	21
10	Minnesota	48.09	12	39	4
11	Maryland	46.33	6	33	32
12	New York	45.65	9	12	35
13	Washington	45.30	10	45	12
14	Hawaii	41.81	16	50	6
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17	Connecticut	41.07	22	13	10
18	Nevada	40.14	15	46	20
19	New Jersey	39.54	27	31	2
20	Louisiana	38.82	11	8	51
21	Michigan	37.67	26	5	28
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Councilmember asks you to continue sheltering in place

By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember

Dear Neighbors,

As we enter a new month, we also begin a new phase of COVID-19 response across the Bay Area. Santa Clara County health officials announced the easing of some restrictions during the shelter-in-place and the Governor announced more, including curbside pick-up for retail, starting this week. However, the order to stay home is still in effect until the end of May. We must continue to do our part and stay home unless otherwise necessary for essential trips.

Supporting our District 8 Small Businesses

The shelter in place means that our local businesses are struggling – so I wanted to share with you a new database my office has built with all the District 8 businesses that are open and continue to operate during COVID-19. Our small businesses are the cornerstones of our community. If you can,

consider giving your business to your neighbors! Visit tiny.cc/D8Openbusiness to view a list of businesses that continue to operate, updated on an on-going basis to bring you the latest information.

Fighting Water Rate Increases

There is another issue impacting our community that has been top of mind. As your City Councilmember and neighbor, I share your concerns about Muni Water's proposed increases in water rates. During these tough times, increasing water rates is too high a burden for families that are already struggling with food insecurities, paying bills, and job loss.

I am working closely with San Jose's Environmental Services Department to eliminate any increases in our water bill. I do not support the proposed in-

crease that was sent out and will continue fighting against it. This is why I submitted a letter to Valley Water's Board of Directors advocating for the suspension of any wholesale water cost increases proposed.

Evergreen residents are part San Jose Municipal Water System – a public utility of the City. Muni Water purchases water for Evergreen families from the Valley Water District – so our prices go up based primarily on the decisions made by Valley Water's Board of Directors. After reading the letter that I submitted during April 28th's Valley Water Board of Directors public hearing, their Board agreed not to increase their groundwater rates and to come back for a review in 6 months. I am successfully advocating for the suspension of Valley Wa-

ter's wholesale water cost increases, and now it is your turn to join me in the next phase!

The Board will be officially voting on whether to adopt these rate increases on May 12. Please join me in this effort of advocating for a zero percent increase on water rates for Evergreen families! If you have not yet sent an email to the San Jose Municipal Water's rate protest email address, please send one to WaterRateProtest@sanjoseca.gov. Together, we can prevent this rate increase from happening during this economic and health crisis.

I hope that you continue to stay safe during this time. Please be sure to reach out at District8@sanjoseca.gov or 408-535-4908 to connect with someone on the team if you need any support related to COVID-19 or anything else happening in your neighborhood.

Yours in community,

Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas
District 8



District 8 Report

By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember

COVID-19 response across the Bay Area begins new phase

KEY COVID-19 RESOURCES

Santa Clara County Eases Shelter-In-Place Order

Though Santa Clara County has extended the shelter-in-place order through May 31st the County will be lifting some restrictions. All construction activities, certain businesses that operate primarily outdoors (landscaping businesses, for example), and some outdoor activities will be allowed to resume with specific conditions. Health Officers have also released indicators that will be critical to decisions in the coming weeks and months about when and how to ease additional shelter-in-place restrictions. Learn more, here.

Childcare for Essential Workers

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has launched a new web portal for essential workers who need access to childcare. The site offers essential workers in Santa Clara County a breakdown of who can apply and where there is availability of childcare slots by age group.

Governor Newsom also announced a state-wide portal for essential workers to find child care via mychildcare.ca.gov. The California Department of Education, Early Learning Care Division has also created an

application process for Essential Workers to apply for Emergency Childcare assistance. The application is available for families of essential workers that need childcare and are not already enrolled in a State Funded Child Development Program. Click here to apply.

Latest City Council COVID-19 Update

This week, City Manager Dave Sykes and leadership from the City's Emergency Operations Center provided an update to City Council on the impacts of COVID-19 and the City's response during Item 3.1. Specifically, the presentation included updates on Health Order compliance, food distribution, homeless support services, internal communications, recovery efforts, development services, and the federal CARES Act.

Federal Loan Programs for Small Businesses and Nonprofits Reopen

Funding has been replenished for the federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) programs. Applications are currently being accepted from nonprofits and small businesses. Funds are not anticipated to last long, so apply as soon as possible. Visit www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options for more infor-

mation and to apply or contact the San Jose Office of Economic Development for additional support at 877-880-1222.

Virtual Local Assistance Center for Residents Now Available

Last week, the City launched the Virtual Local Assistance Center for residents as one-stop-shop with critical government services for residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. Residents and community partners can access information and resources for food assistance, immigrant rights, housing, employment, health and wellness, and utilities.

Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect

Children who are being abused or neglected are more likely to go unnoticed without teachers and others to help them. Residents are urged to contact the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 833-SCC-KIDS (833-722-5437) if they suspect a child is at risk. In cases of an immediate emergency, always call 911 for law enforcement intervention. Visit the County's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation website for more information.

Silicon Valley Strong Nonprofit Grants

Silicon Valley Strong is partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Re-

gional Nonprofit Emergency Fund to provide grants to local nonprofits that have experienced unexpected costs due the COVID-19 pandemic. To apply visit: bit.ly/35foV9S

SERVICE UPDATES

Street Sweeping Continues

Street sweeping continues to operate in the City of San José, keeping fine debris out of our creeks, rivers, and bay. Though parking enforcement is currently suspended, we strongly encourage the public to move vehicles off the street during scheduled times so our sweepers can clean. Find your scheduled day and time at sjenvironment.org/lookup.

2020 Aquatic Programs Cancelled

Due to the many challenges and uncertainties presented by COVID-19 and its impacts on program preparation, summer aquatic programs at Camden Pool, Fair Swim Center, Mayfair Pool, and Rotary Ryland Pool are cancelled for the 2020 season. For questions about class cancellations and refunds, contact SJregistration@sanjoseca.gov, or visit bit.ly/prnscancellations for more information about the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department's closures and cancellations.

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outreach programs and understanding how relationships between police, victims and prosecutors affect police investigations.

In 2019, the police department received 2,585 sex offense allegations — a 18.9 percent increase from the year before. In the last five years, from 2014 to 2019, the police department has seen a 51.2 percent increase in sexual offense

claims across the city. In March, the department was investigating 3,000 sexual offense allegations.

Rent freeze

Two weeks after the San Jose City Council approved moving forward with a citywide rent freeze, the lawmakers on Tuesday enacted the new law and added protections for homeowners.

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April 1, the councilmembers voted for the new ordinance to go into effect immediately. It will

give tenants until Dec. 31 to pay their rents back.

Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas and Maya Esparza voted against the move.

To help landlords, the lawmakers waived late payments on registration fees and permit fees for all apartment buildings regardless of unit count until 2021.

"Freezing rents is really critical to keeping residents in their apartments now," Councilmember Pam Foley said. "It's really important for you to have peace of

mind in the place that you're living in and that you continue to stay there."

The city is encouraging landlords to temporarily discount rents on the terms that the initial rent controlled rate will not be affected once the rent freeze is lifted. Under the city's rent control policy, landlords can legally increase rents up to 5 percent once a year.

Contact Nadia Lopez at nadia@sanjosespotlight.com or follow @n_lopez on Twitter.

Times **Community**

SJECED Chancellor joins COVID-19 Economic Recovery Council

San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECED) Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland has been selected to join the Silicon Valley Economic Recovery and Resilience Council (SV-ERRC), which was formed by San José Mayor Sam Liccardo earlier this month.

The Council has been tasked with making policy recommendations to local and regional governing bodies that “ensure political leaders harness state and federal resources, get families back to work, and prepare for the economy’s ‘new normal.’”

Chancellor Clift Breland was asked to join the Council based on his experience and expertise in higher education and workforce training and the important role community colleges will play in the region’s economic recovery.

“I am deeply grateful to Chancellor Clift Breland for stepping up to join the Silicon Valley Economic Recovery and Resilience

Council,” said Mayor Liccardo. “His thoughtful leadership will make an exceptional addition to the SV-ERRC as they explore new ways to safely reopen our economy, and plan for enhanced workforce education and training.”

“I am honored to join the Silicon Valley Economic Recovery and Resilience Council and look forward to working with my colleagues on this important effort,” Dr. Clift Breland said. “As we know from previous economic downturns and recessions, when the economy falters, displaced workers, recent high school graduates, and many looking to learn new skills and enhance their employability flock to community colleges.”

In California, community colleges train



Byron D. Clift Breland

approximately 70 percent of the state’s nurses and other first responders, many of whom have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. “We will play a major role in ensuring our region recovers from the COVID-19 crisis and maintains a robust, well-trained, and well-prepared workforce,” Dr. Clift Breland said. “Community colleges across the state will be vital to California’s economic recovery.”

“The impact of the COVID-19 crisis on our local economy will be devastating and is only just beginning to be felt,” Dr. Clift Breland said. “By bringing together some of the most innovative thinkers from across various sectors, I’m confident this Council will have a positive impact on our ability to

not only recover quickly, but to put protective measures in place to make Silicon Valley’s economy even stronger moving forward.”

Support

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helping them minimize the amount of time they spend in public by going shopping for essential items in their place and dropping them off at the door. What a lot of people don’t consider is that any arrangements taken to support those at risk need to be long-term, since at-risk populations remain vulnerable until a vaccine is found,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst.

Why does Massachusetts offer the most support during the COVID-19 pandemic?

“One reason that Massachusetts offers the most support during the coronavirus pandemic is that it is one of only three states to require that patients don’t have to foot any of the bill for coronavirus treatment, which goes above and beyond just the free testing that most states offer,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “Massachusetts will also offer a COVID-19 vaccine at no cost, once one is available.”

Why does North Carolina rank lowest for offering support during the coronavirus pandemic?

“One major reason why North Carolina is the lowest ranking state when it comes to offering support during the coronavirus pandemic is its high rate of residents without health insurance,” said Jill Gonzalez, WalletHub analyst. “North Carolina also lags behind other states in adopting online healthcare technology, and it has the lowest percentage of all unemployed people receiving unemployment insurance in the country.”

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Stash-It brings American homeowners new income stream at crucial time

New start-up offers environmentally friendly, convenient, cost-effective method for self-storage

Stash-It, the San Francisco-based startup that is redefining the self-storage experience to be more convenient, more cost effective, and better for the environment, announced its official launch on April 17. Instead of building additional unnecessary self-storage facilities, Stash-It makes use of existing space, while providing a method for homeowners to generate substantial income.

"The demand for storage space continues to increase. But self-storage facilities are costly, inconvenient, and hard on the environment," said Stash-It Founder, Kurt Winter. "Stash-It pairs unused residential or commercial space with individuals looking for storage space. By taking this sharing

economy approach, Stash-It creates cost savings for the Stasher, a truly passive income stream for the Host, and a greener solution to meet the nation's growing demand for storage space."

As millions of American homeowners face job losses, furloughs and wage reductions, Stash-It is a great way to earn additional income. Estimated income for Hosts can run several thousand dollars a year. Renting out a standard two car garage can bring in \$500 a month, and individuals with space for RV parking can make \$200 a month.

How to become a host

1. Sign up and create a listing for the available space (or spaces)
2. Set the terms around price, access, security features, and more - you're in control of your space.
3. Vet, and accept, stashes via the app
4. Set a time for items to be

dropped off

5. Sit back, relax, and collect cash until the customer wants to remove their items

"Our mission is to put more money back in the hands of everyday Americans," said Stash-It Co-Founder and President, Jeremy Hass. "With the current pandemic and future economic crisis, making a few hundred dollars more a month could be the difference between keeping your house or downsizing. In good times, the extra income can help consumers get out of debt, save for a rainy day, invest toward retirement or afford their dream vacation. Whatever the dream looks like, homeowners can get there faster with Stash-It."

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Waiting for your stimulus payment? Watch for this

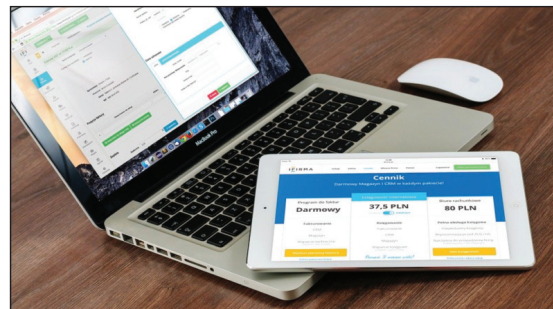
The 2020 U.S. Census is coinciding with a global pandemic, shelter-in-place orders, and government stimulus payments.

With so much going on at once, scammers are using the unique circumstances to sow confusion. Their goal is to get their hands on your personal information, which they can use to steal your identity.

How the Scam Works

You receive an unsolicited message via text, email, or a social media messenger. The message explains that in order to qualify for your stimulus payment, you need to first complete the 2020 Census. Whether or not you've completed the real Census, don't click. It's a scam!

Some versions of the phony message include a link to a website "for more information." If you click the link, you could unknowingly download malware onto your computer or phone. This virus can give scammers access to your usernames, passwords,



and other personal information stored on your computer

In other cases, the link may take you to a website that looks like it was created by the official Census Bureau. However, the website is a fake. You will be asked for personal information, such as your Social Security number and bank account information. The Census Bureau does not ask for this information.

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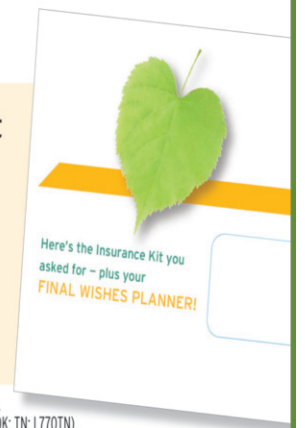
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