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## MONDAY TOWN INFORMATION

Visit San Mateo County's website at [www.smcgov.org](http://www.smcgov.org) for the latest information on COVID-19 and the Shelter in Place order

### Message from Hillsborough Mayor Shawn Christianson

Welcome to May and congratulations on navigating April so successfully, despite these uncertain and often unnerving times.

Today is our first day sheltering in place under the newly revised, somewhat less restrictive San Mateo County Health order, which is anticipated to be in place through May 31st. While many of the overarching tenets of the prior Shelter in Place order remain consistent, the latest version does provide cause for optimism. Subject to observance of social distancing and other health safety requirements, construction, gardening, landscaping and plant nursery operations can begin again. The resumption of these activities will be welcomed by many in Town. Importantly, it will allow us to better prepare for fire season- a critical pursuit as the drier months commence.



Town Hall also is adapting this week, and showing increased onsite activity. Permit applications in the system will be reviewed and online processes for new permits should be available by week's end. For the latest on these updates at Town Hall, [click here](#).

Our recreation options also are expanding, and the golfers, skateboarders, and hikers among us are now able to pursue these activities, subject to appropriate social distancing modifications and compliance. For updates on the modified order, and the 13 parks in San Mateo County which have reopened, [click here](#).

In April, we all found new ways of doing practically everything, proving the old adage that necessity is the mother of invention. Due to the vision and hard work of some of our residents, coupled with Town and HCSD support, on April 20th, Hillsborough Helping kicked off to aid in addressing significant food insecurity concerns in our County. In the past two weeks, Hillsborough Helping has collected over 300 pounds of food for distribution by Samaritan House. [Here's the link](#) if you'd like to aid in this much needed effort. The generosity of our Town's residents is always a source of inspiration!

Finally, if you haven't returned your Census survey, please do it today. It's short and easy, but the beneficial impact of robust participation for our Town is so worth the minimal effort it requires. [Click here](#) to fill out your Census information.

Let's continue to stay connected, while physically being apart. Be strong, be patient, and most importantly be well. If the Town can help you, please contact us. We'll make it through this together!

Shawn M. Christianson

## Construction project health safety protocols

Starting today (May 4th) the new [San Mateo County health order](#) goes into effect. Under the new orders, all construction projects large and small will be allowed to resume as long as the project complies with safety protocols included with the order. Along with the health safety protocols, projects are still required to adhere to the [Town's Municipal Code](#) and go through the proper reviews, permits processes and formal approvals.



[Click here](#) to view the small construction project safety protocols.

[Click here](#) to view the large construction project safety protocols.

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## San Mateo County launches Great Plates Delivered

Older residents at high risk from COVID-19 can receive three nutritious meals per day delivered to their home from restaurants and other food providers across San Mateo County, helping them stay home and stay healthy. The program also provides an avenue for local food services and providers to continue operations and maintain their employees, softening the losses felt by the COVID crisis.



Local restaurants, caterers and food providers are strongly encouraged to apply immediately for the program, titled 'Great Plates Delivered SMC', and administered by County Health. All registered food businesses in San Mateo County were sent an email survey to invite participation and are encouraged to fill out the survey, linked here in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), or call the following hotlines staffed by multi-lingual County workers:

(833) 261-3663 | Spanish  
(833) 600-7276 | English  
(833) 600-7275 | Mandarin

For businesses operating outside of San Mateo County, the State's participation form is available [here](#).

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## Sharing the road goes both ways!

Bicyclists and pedestrians must also do their part in sharing the road with drivers.

- When about to cross the street, **STOP** and assess the safety of crossing (bicyclists must stop too), **LOOK** at the drivers of any approaching vehicles and make eye contact, and **WAVE** to the driver after he or she has come to a complete stop before safely crossing.
- If walking or biking at night, be sure to wear bright and reflective clothing with light sources to make yourselves more visible to drivers.
- Do not walk and bike in the roadways. If it's not possible, stay as close to the sides as you can or find alternate paths.
- Please do not litter and make sure to pick up after your pets. Litter can block paths which forces others to walk in the street. The litter can also get on the road, causing hazards for drivers.



**San Mateo County Parks reopens some parks; visitors must continue to follow social distancing and health order guidelines**

[Click here](#) to read the full press release and list of parks that are open.

On Monday, May 4th, the San Mateo County Parks Department reopened 13 of its 23 parks after being closed since March 27th. Visitors are required to hike single file on narrow trails, keep six feet apart from others, not congregate with people who aren't from their household, and carry face coverings.

Playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, fields, visitor centers, and some restrooms and parking lots remain closed.

To prevent the congestion on trails and in parking areas that occurred last month prior to park closures, the department has converted some single-track trails to one-direction routes, opened a limited number of parking lots, prohibited road parking, and kept some trails closed to bikes. Dogs must be on leash in parks and trails where dog walking is allowed.

