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THURSDAY TOWN INFORMATION

Visit San Mateo County's website at www.smcgov.org for the latest information on COVID-19 and the current health order.

Testing appointments are available at multiple locations throughout the County. [Click here](#) for more information.

San Mateo County updates

CZU Lightning Complex Fire update - local assistance center now open

Residents impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex fires can now find an array of government and additional services at a Local Assistance Center now open in Pescadero.

The center is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 7:00pm at [Pescadero Elementary School, 620 North St., Pescadero](#).

As of today, the center is staffed by representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency who can assist residents with applying for assistance through www.disasterassistance.gov. Representatives from State agencies like Motor Vehicles, Social Services and Public Health, as well as County agencies like Behavioral Health, Veteran Services and Health Services Agency will also be available at the center.

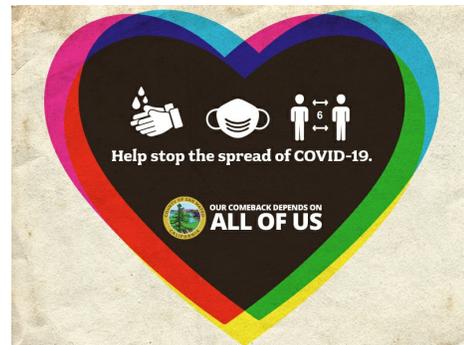
Child Care Relief Fund accepting applications

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors allocated \$2 million of CARES Act funds to the Child Care Relief Fund to assist licensed child care centers, family child care homes, and license-exempt public recreation and school district programs in the county that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

Grant applications are currently being accepted from qualifying child care providers and programs to cover one month of operating expenses up to \$10,000 for family child care homes and \$55,000 for child care centers.

Priority will be given to child care programs that serve the most vulnerable County residents, demonstrate fiscal sustainability, and participate in existing county initiatives such as The Big Lift and Quality Counts.

The Child Care Relief Fund is administered by Community Equity Collaborative and the San Mateo Credit Union in partnership with the Board of Supervisors and the County COVID-19 Child Care Response Team.



Applications must be received by tomorrow (September 4th) at 5:00pm. For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.communityequitycollaborative.org/child-care-relief-fund.html>.

Revised opening system allows for indoor salons and modified retail

As of August 31st, hair salons and barbershops are allowed to operate indoors in San Mateo County under Governor Gavin Newsom's new color-coded reopening system which ranks counties based on COVID-19 case counts and positivity rate.

San Mateo County, which the State cites as having 8.6 new positive cases per 100,000 residents and a 4.8% positivity rate, is in the purple tier which denotes a "widespread" county risk level. Counties in that tier have more than 7 new daily cases per 100,000 and more than 8 percent positive tests. Although San Mateo County's positivity rate falls in the "moderate risk" level, the stricter tier takes precedence.

The State's new "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" and the status of activities in specific counties is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>.

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% Positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% Positive tests
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% Positive tests
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% Positive tests

Central County Fire Department updates

Beautification brings added fire safety all year - what you can do

The Central County Fire Department (CCFD) would like to remind residents to please continue implementing fuel modification best practices by checking your property, including at or near easements and the public right of way for overgrown weeds, dead/dying shrubs, plants and trees in need of trimming or liming and removing or pruning those items where needed. The right tools and the right time are also important factors. If you're using metal cutting blades, select ones with non-sparking blades. Make sure to keep track of weather updates to make sure no work is being done on high fire danger days. Taking action now to modify vegetative fuels and hazards will slow fire spread in the event of a wildfire and allow for safer travels on our streets and roadways. It's up to all of us to make Hillsborough fire safe!



For more information please visit <https://ccfd.org/wui> and [click here](#) for a check list of fuel modification best practices. Visit the [National Weather Service](#) website for current fire danger rating in our zip code to check for the right time to work.

September is National Preparedness Month

Please make time to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in your homes, businesses, and communities. Whether it is September or any other month of the year, disasters can strike at any time without warning.

CCFD encourages everyone to be prepared for when - not if - the next emergency will occur. How prepared are you? [Click here](#) for a collection of documents, links, and videos, all in one place to help make it easier for you to get prepared.

Help those affected by local wildfires

There are numerous fires burning in southern San Mateo County in areas with limited accessibility and heavy timber. Heavy smoke is present throughout the county from these fires. Additionally, smoke from fires located around the greater Bay Area are drifting into the county. For the latest information on the San Mateo County/Santa Cruz County CZU Complex fire, please visit the [County's Wildfire Response homepage](#). For the latest information on large wildfires burning in California visit the [CalFire homepage](#).

Donation Information:

Financial donations are preferred:

Red Cross: www.redcross.org

Puente de la Costa Sur Emergency Fire Relief

Fund: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/puente>

New, unopened donations of diapers, baby formula and school supplies will be accepted Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the [San Mateo County Event Center](#), Expo Hall, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. For school supplies, day packs, pens, highlighters, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, markers and clipboards as well as small bottles of hand sanitizer are needed.

[Peninsula Humane Society](#) is accepting donations of pet food, cat litter and newspapers at their Coyote Point Shelter location at 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94401 and financial donations online at <https://phs-sPCA.org/donateonline>.

To donate to the Cow Palace Livestock Evacuation Center, visit www.cowpalace.com for a list of needs.

To help feed and support animals evacuated by the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group, go to www.smclaeg.org and click on the Volunteer Now button.

Donate feed and supplies to support the large animal evacuees at HMB Feed & Fuel, 331 Main St., Half Moon Bay: (650) 726-4814. Financial donations can be made online at <https://smclaeg.org>.



NEIGHBORFEST

Hillsborough Neighborhood Network - Virtual Neighborfest 2020

Sunday, September 13, 2020 - 9:00am - 10:30am

Register at www.hillsborough.net/neighborfest

Sadly, we are currently in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we hope our Hillsborough residents are staying safe and healthy.

We also continue to be at risk for wildfires, earthquakes and other unexpected events, so it is important to always be ready for these emergencies.

On September 13th, Hillsborough Neighborhood Network (HNN) will host a Virtual Neighborfest to promote emergency preparedness, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Neighborhood Resilience. The event is sponsored by the Town of Hillsborough, the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) and the Central County Fire Department (CCFD).

We all miss seeing friends and neighbors, so let everyone know and sign up for this fun and interactive event! We will have presentations by HPD, CCFD and a Kahoot safety/emergency prep quiz for families. There will be prizes for families with the highest quiz scores. One week before Neighborfest, those who have registered will receive information on how to join the meeting via Zoom.

We would love your participation and feedback. Hope to see everyone at Virtual Neighborfest 2020! In the meantime, check out this video by HNN Committee member Dennis Tom on what to include in an E-Prep Kit:

HNN Emergency Prep Kit Essentials:

Watch at: www.hillsborough.net/epreokit



It's not too late to fill out the Census!

As of August 27th, Hillsborough holds an 82.6% Census self-response, which ranks 2nd in San Mateo County. While the overall County response rate of 76.9% is considerably higher than the State and national average, that still leaves 23.1% of the County population unreported! Please reach out to your neighbors and friends who haven't filled out their Census information yet. If just 10% of the population is unaccounted for, San Mateo County could potentially lose **\$76,000,000** a year for 10 years that could be used to fund critical programs that support education, housing, health and transportation services in our community.



In-person follow-ups by Census representatives are currently being conducted, but residents can complete their Census at www.my2020census.gov before they arrive.

Donate food and PPE supplies to help those in need

In collaboration with Hillsborough Helping, Food Drive donation bins are still up and running at Hillsborough Town Hall (1600 Floribunda Avenue), HCS District Office and West School to accept food and PPE supplies. Donations will be given to [Samaritan House of San Mateo](#).

Please visit Hillsborough Helping's [facebook page](#) for information on what types of food can be donated and for important updates. [Click here](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

County COVID-19 case update

San Mateo County Health updates COVID-19 data regularly on their [data dashboard page](#). Currently, the County is working with the State to update some recent data, which is incomplete. As of September 2, 2020, there have been **8,390** confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County. As of last Friday, there are **43** confirmed cases in Hillsborough.

Thank you to Hillsborough residents for continuing to follow County guidelines for face coverings, handwashing and social distancing.

